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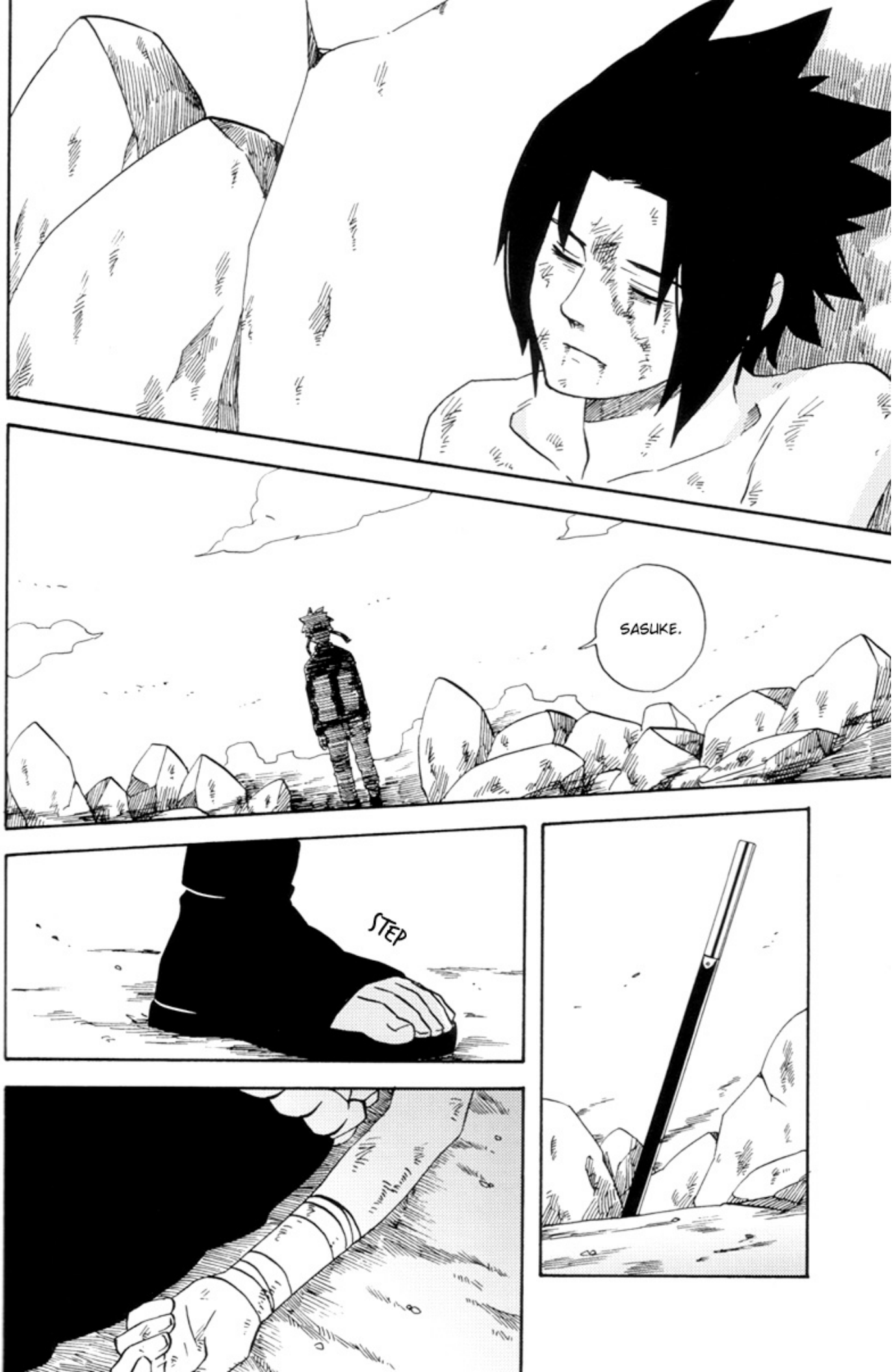
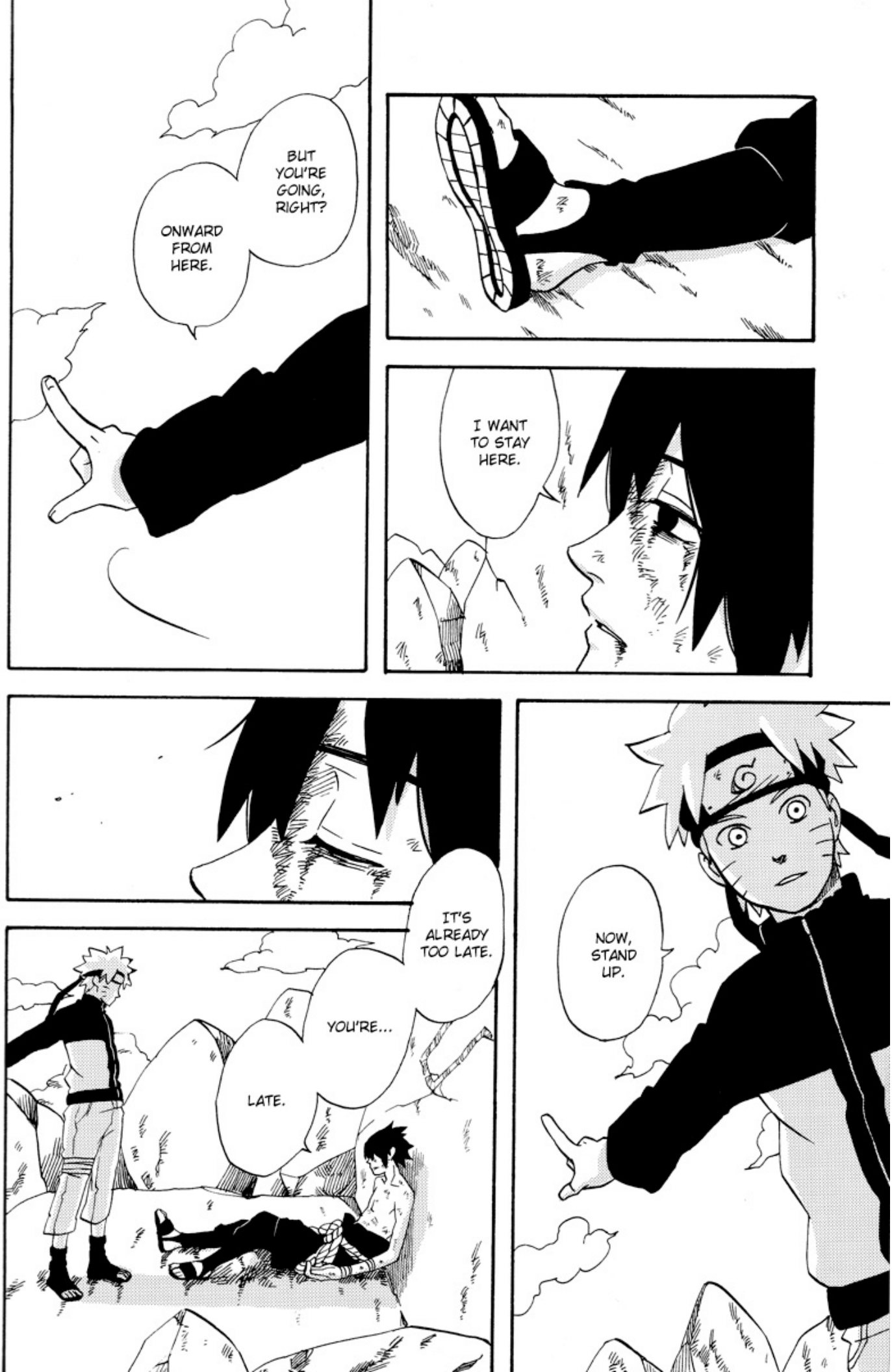
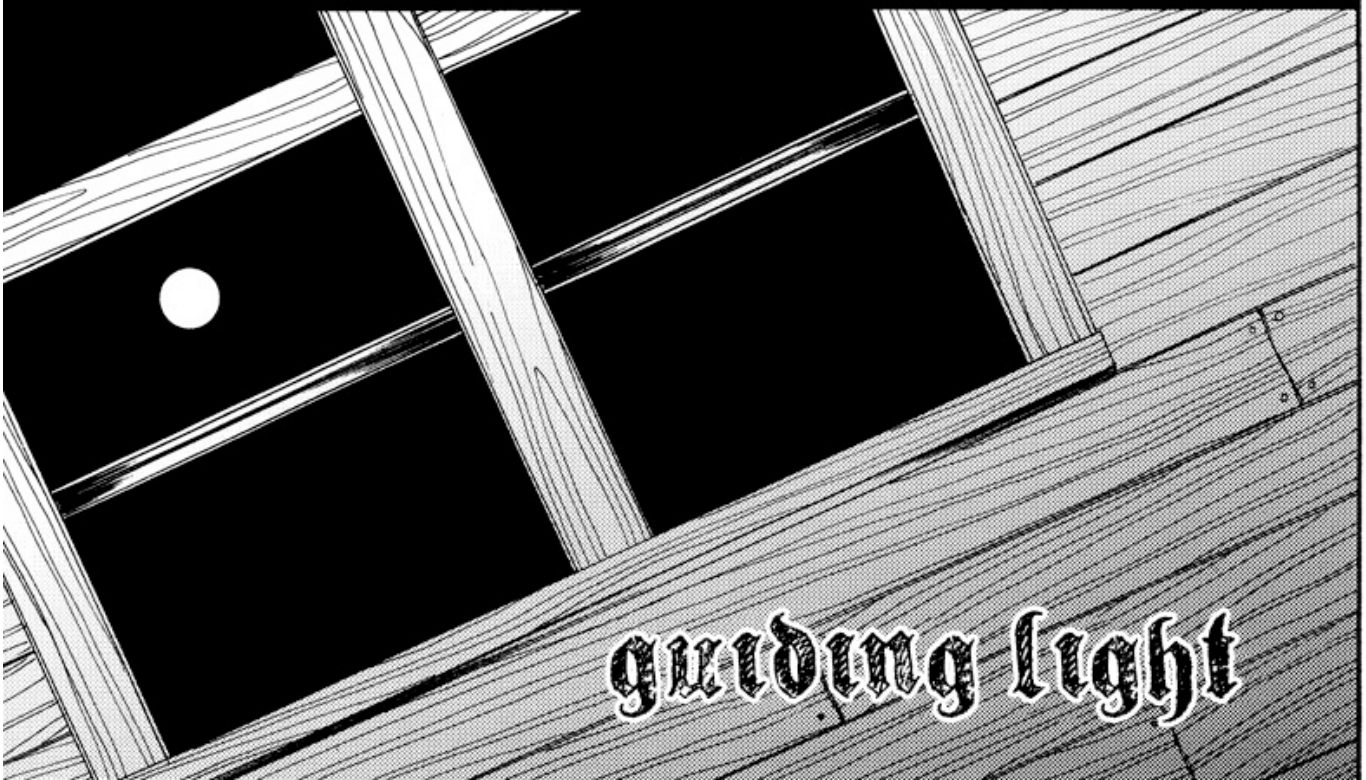
Only in dreams is my regret like a pale guiding light.


SASUKE.
STEP

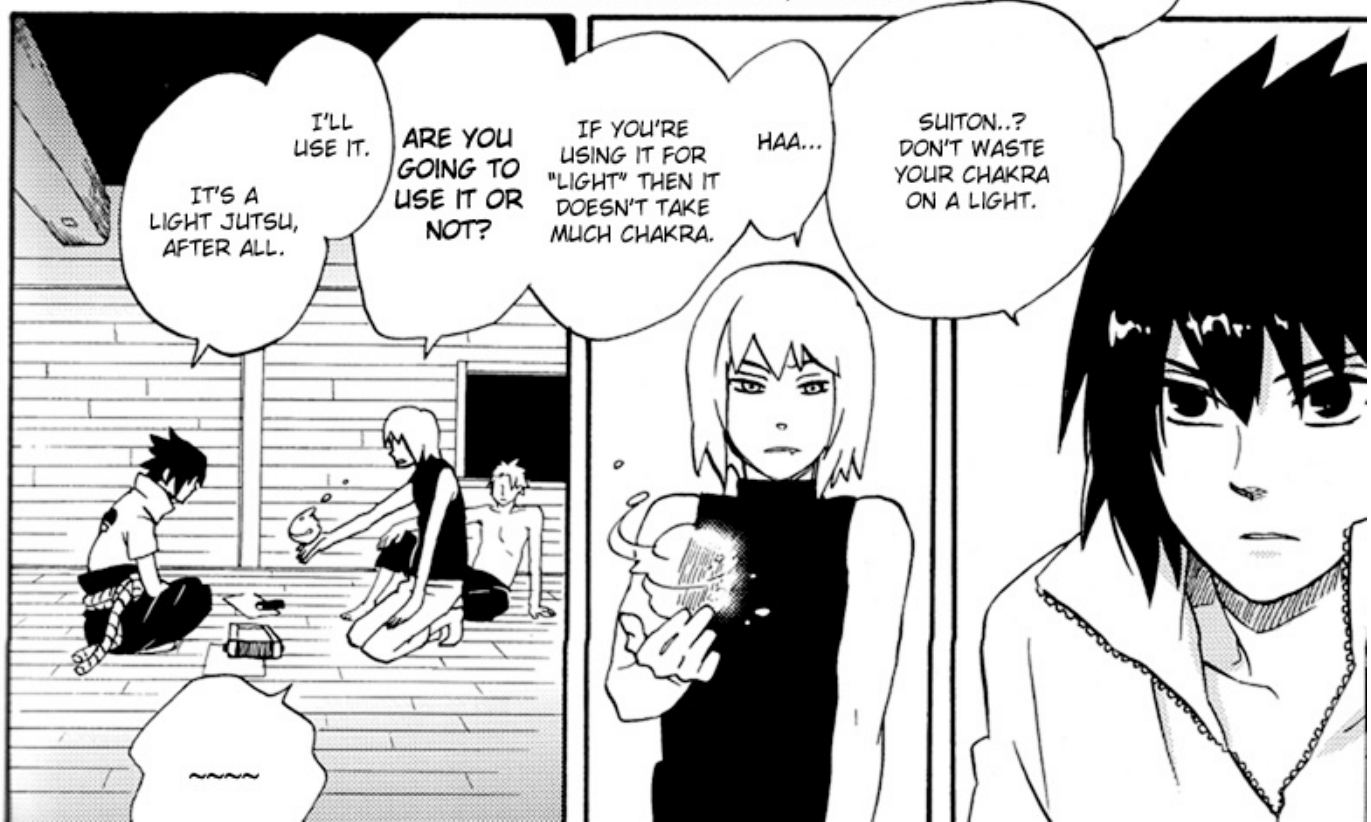
SASUKE.
STAND UP.
LET'S GO.


BUT YOU'RE GOING, RIGHT?
ONWARD FROM HERE.
I WANT TO STAY HERE.
NOW, STAND UP.
IT'S ALREADY TOO LATE.
YOU'RE...
LATE.

I honestly think it's stupid.

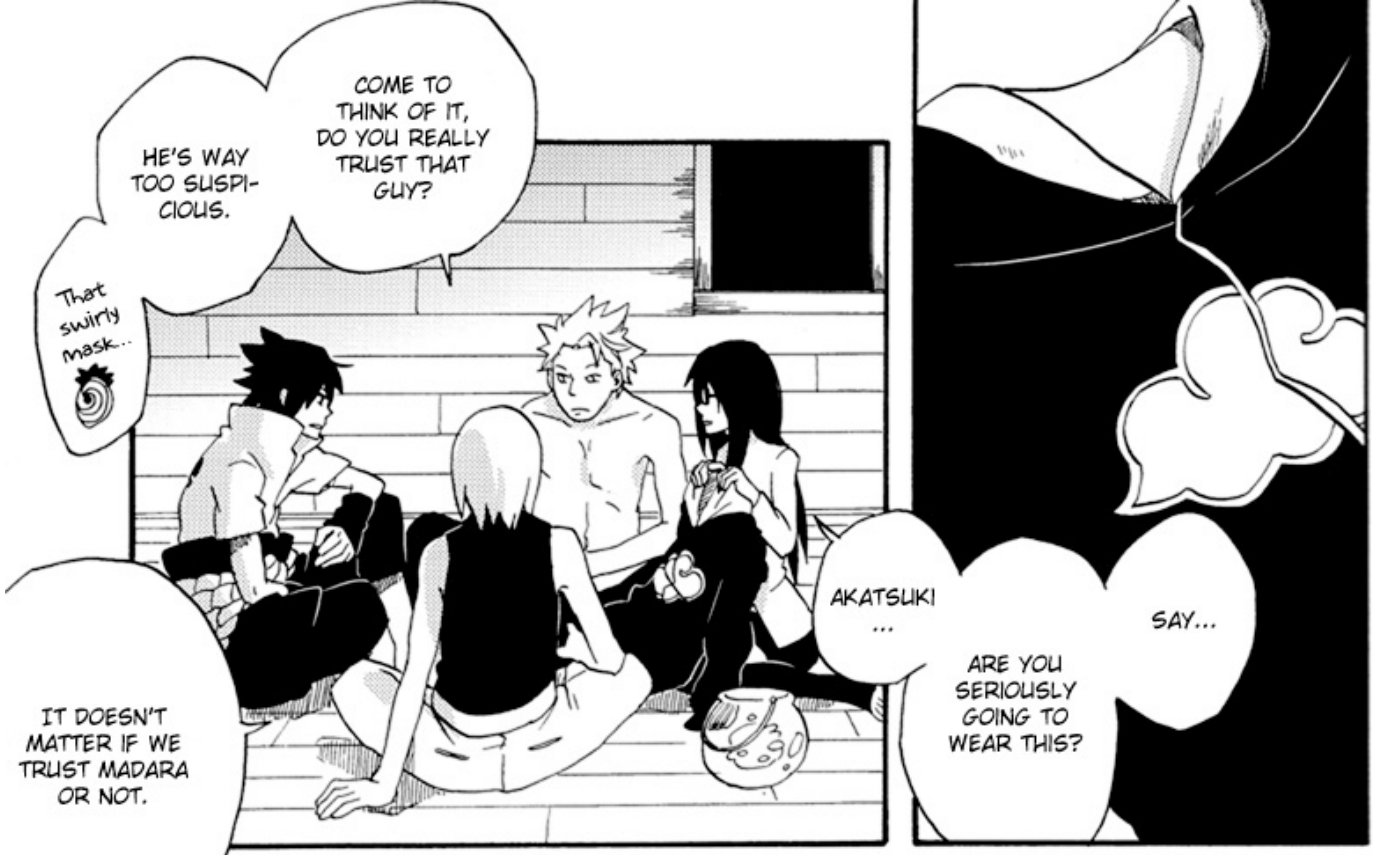


TRANSLATOR'S NOTE: WATER ESCAPE NINJUTSU: MERCURY GLOBE.



YOU KNOW, THE POINT OF THIS JUTSU ISN'T TO MAKE LIGHT.
CALM DOWN, SUIGETSU.
I'LL SHOW YOU THE TRUE PURPOSE OF THIS JUTSU!
HN.
WHAT SORT
OF-
FOSS
SPL
ASH
THIS IS HOW YOU USE IT!
GH-
...
BAS-
TARD...
SPLASH
AH!
THOUGH IT'S SMALLER, YOU CAN'T GET FREE EASILY
...
IT'S LIKE ZABUSA-SENPAI'S WATER PRISON JUTSU... BUT ON A SMALLER SCALE.
GLUB
YOU'RE WIDE OPEN, SASUKE.
Heh-heh!

HUH?!
WHAT THE HELL! DON'T GET OUT THAT EASILY! THAT PISSES ME OFF..!
YOU COMPARED IT TO THE WATER PRISON...
BUT THE PURPOSE IS DIFFERENT, RIGHT?
THAT'S RIGHT.
AS EXPECTED OF SASUKE.
here's a towel
IT'S A GREAT ANALYSIS TOOL. YES, YES.
THEN IT... REFLECTS THE HEART?
RIGHT!
SWIRL
ANOTHER NAME FOR IT IS "WATER MIRROR".
IT'S ACTUALLY USED FOR INTERROGATIONS.
BUT FOR YOU..?
WITH THOSE GREAT EYES, I DOUBT YOU'D NEED TO USE IT.
YEAH ...
I DON'T NEED IT.
SPLISH
WHICH MEANS, AS LONG AS YOU'RE WITH ME,
YOU CAN USE THAT JUTSU AS A LIGHT AS MUCH AS YOU WANT.
WE WERE GIVEN THIS.
SLIDE
SASUKE!


COME TO THINK OF IT, DO YOU REALLY TRUST THAT GUY?
HE'S WAY TOO SUSPI-CIOUS.
That swirly mask...
IT DOESN'T MATTER IF WE TRUST MADARA OR NOT.
AKATSUKI ...
SAY...
ARE YOU SERIOUSLY GOING TO WEAR THIS?

THE POINT IS THE POWER THAT GOES ALONG WITH THE "AKATSUKI" NAME.
WEARING THAT, HAWK'S NAME WILL CIRCULATE QUICKLY.

WHILE WE'RE HERE, IT DOESN'T REALLY MATTER WHAT WE WEAR.
NO, BEFORE WE GET INTO THIS, LET'S BE FRANK.
SO, YOU'RE USING THEM AS A MEANS... TO ACHIEVE YOUR GOAL.

I'M VERY DIS-CONTENT!
DON'T THE REST OF YOU THINK SO?
HEY!
LIKE DOING AKATSUKI'S WORK TO CATCH THE TAILED BEASTS FOR THEM.
SUIGETSU!
IF WE GO SO FAR AS TO TAKE THE AKATSUKI DISGUISE, WE MIGHT AS WELL BE AKATSUKI.
I DON'T HATE KILLING, SO IF WE'RE ACTING TOGETHER, THAT'S FINE WITH ME.
IF OUR GOAL WERE TO TAKE OVER THE AKATSUKI, I WOULDN'T MIND A BIT.
YOU HAVE YOUR OWN REASONS FOR WANTING TO SHOW YOURSELF OFF.
BUT I'M NOT PLACING MYSELF UNDER AKATSUKI'S CONTROL.

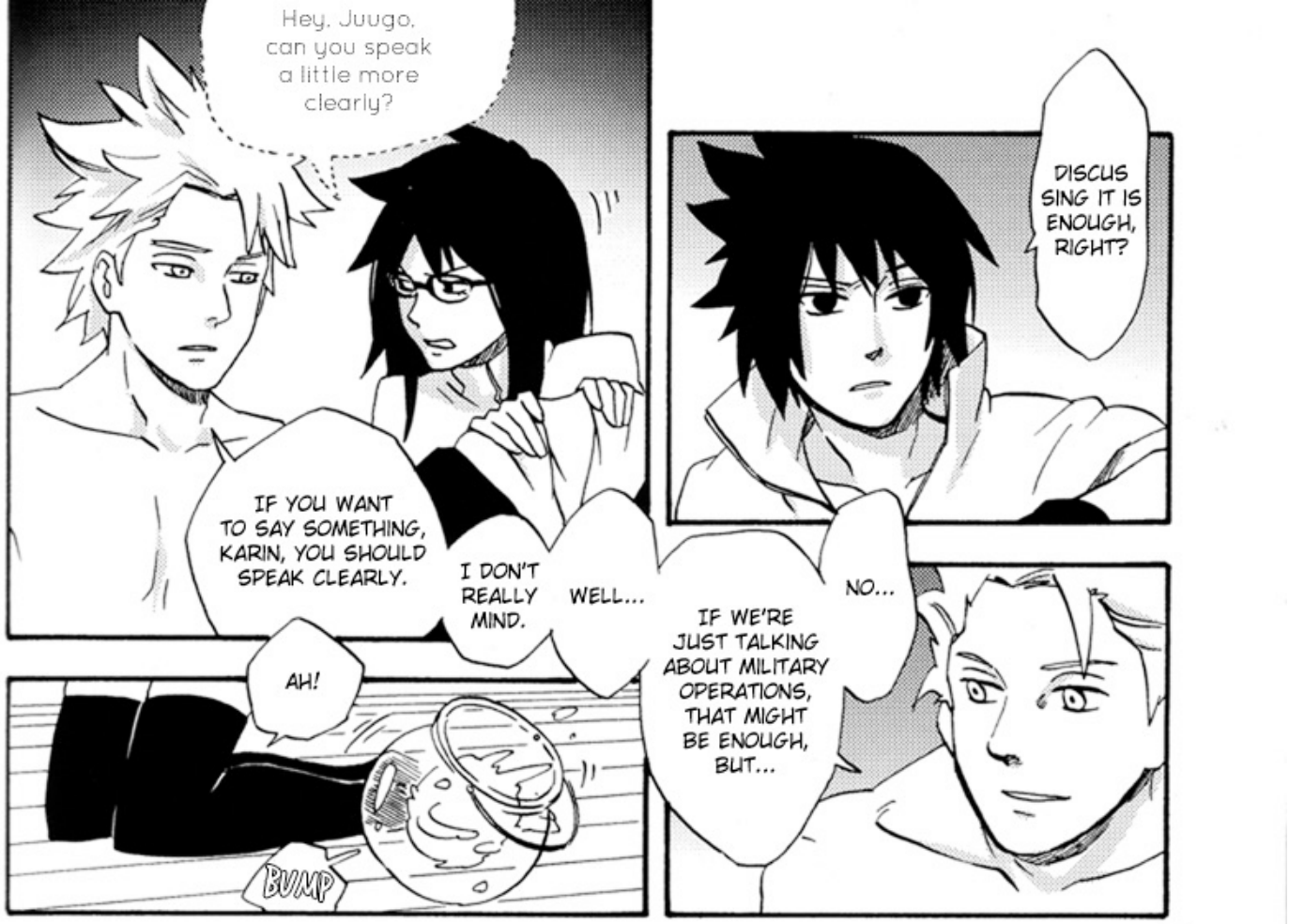
...
IS THAT ALL YOU WANT TO SAY?

...
WHAT YOU'RE THINKING, WHATEVER KIND OF DECISION YOU'VE MADE,
YOU CAN GO AHEAD AND SAY IT CLEARLY.

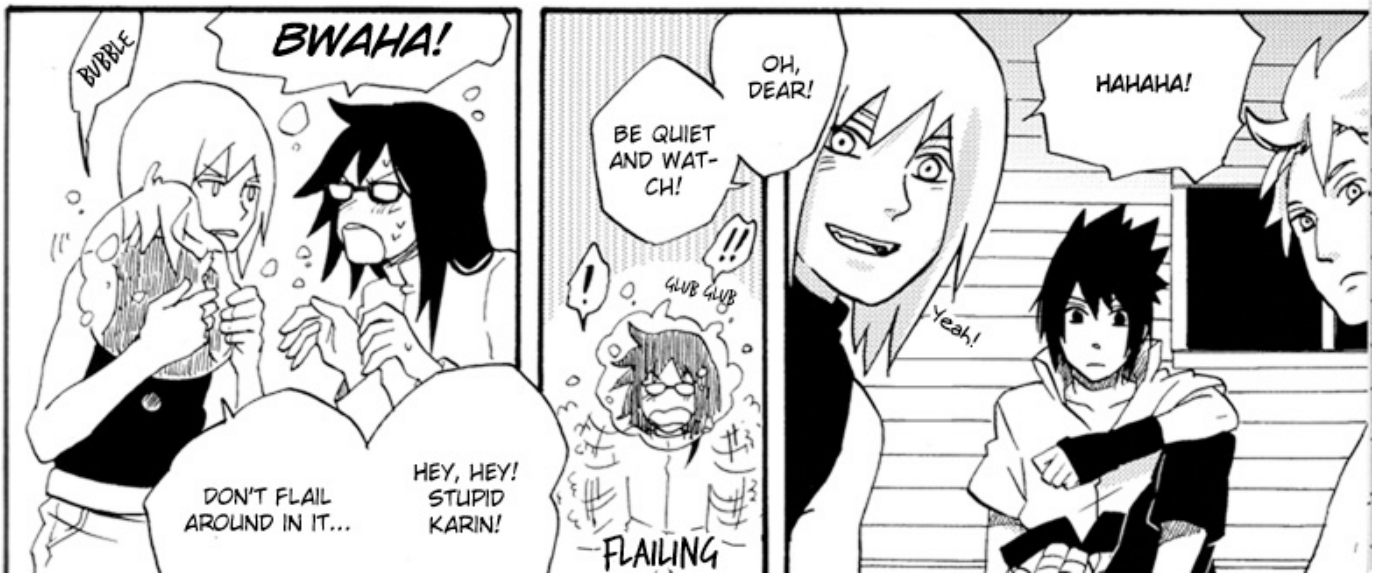
.....

WELL... CERTAINLY
WE CAN'T COME TO A MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING OTHERWISE.

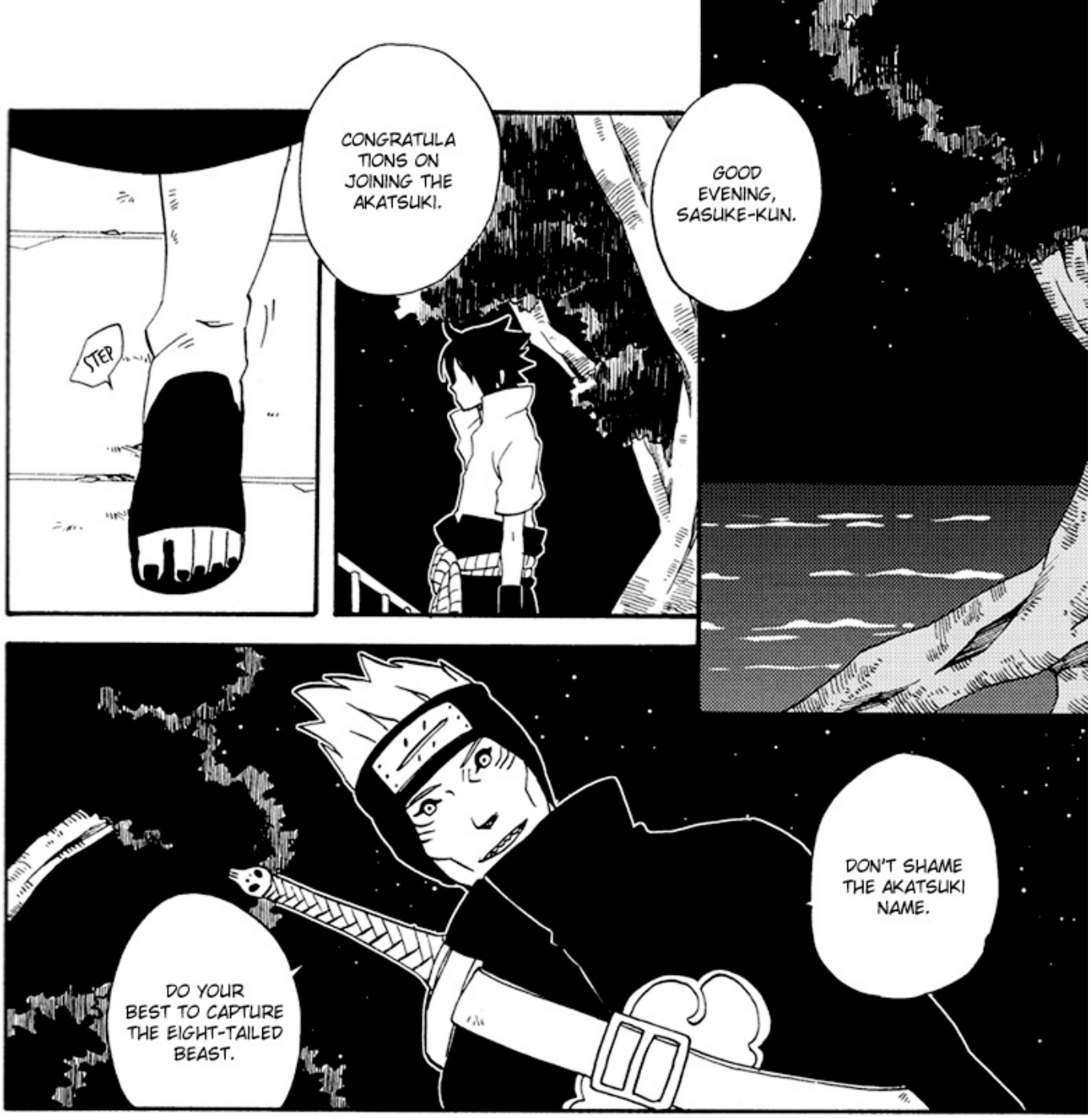
BUT IT WOULD BE A BIG MISTAKE TO EXPECT COMPLETE AGREEMENT NO MATTER WHAT YOU SAY.


Hey, Juugo, can you speak a little more clearly?
IF YOU WANT TO SAY SOMETHING, KARIN, YOU SHOULD SPEAK CLEARLY.
I DON'T REALLY MIND.
WELL...
AH!
BUMP
DISCUS SING IT IS ENOUGH, RIGHT?
NO...
IF WE'RE JUST TALKING ABOUT MILITARY OPERATIONS, THAT MIGHT BE ENOUGH, BUT...

GH...
WHAP
WAH!
SPLASH
AH!

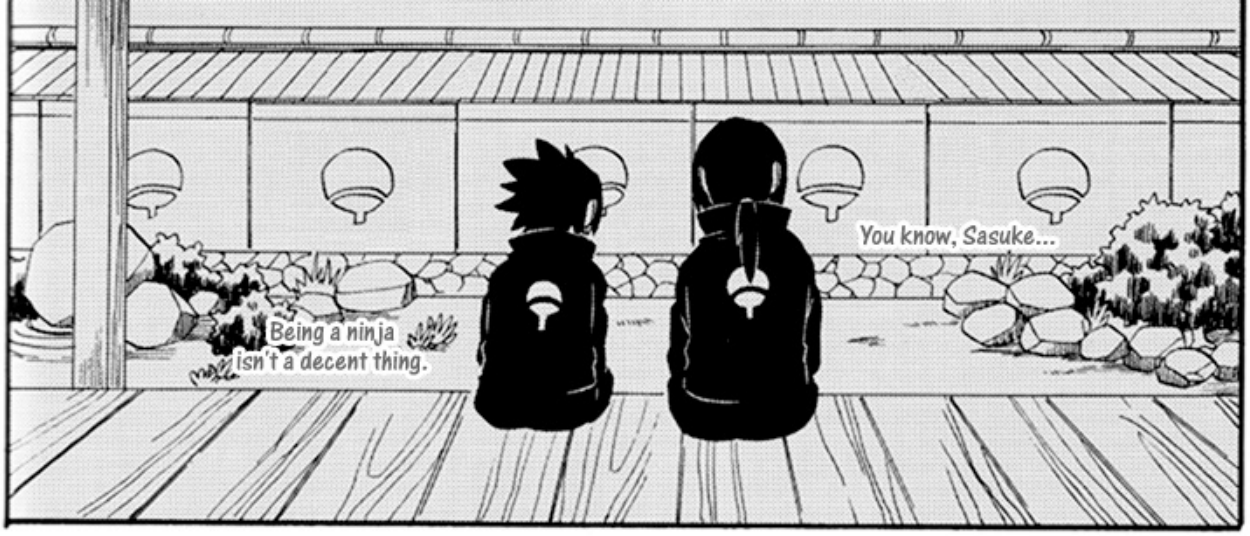

BWAHA!
BUBBLE
DON'T FLAIL AROUND IN IT...
HEY, HEY! STUPID KARIN!
OH, DEAR!
BE QUIET AND WAT-CH!
!!
!
GLUB GLUB
FLAILING
HAHAHA!
Yeah!

SASUKE, I LOVE YOU!
I LOVE YOU SO MUCH!
I LOVE YOU!
WAAH!
NO-
YOU'VE GOT IT ALL WRONG!
keep reading
I JUST WANT TO GO WHERE SASUKE DOES SO-
IT'S NOT LIKE IT'S MY FAULT!
SUIGETSU! DON'T USE WEIRD THINGS AS A LIGHT!
YOU!!


GOOD EVENING, SASUKE-KUN.
CONGRATULATIONS ON JOINING THE AKATSUKI.
STEP
DON'T SHAME THE AKATSUKI NAME.
DO YOUR BEST TO CAPTURE THE EIGHT-TAILED BEAST.

"STOP BEING A NINJA."
.....

IT'S A MESSAGE FROM ITACHI-SAN.
HUH..?
IRONIC, ISN'T IT?
NOW I'VE PASSED IT ON TO YOU.
IF I MET YOU AGAIN...
HE TOLD ME TO TELL YOU THAT.
STEP
WELL...
HOWEVER YOU RECEIVE THAT MESSAGE,
IS NO BUSINESS OF MINE.


You know, Sasuke...
Being a ninja isn't a decent thing.

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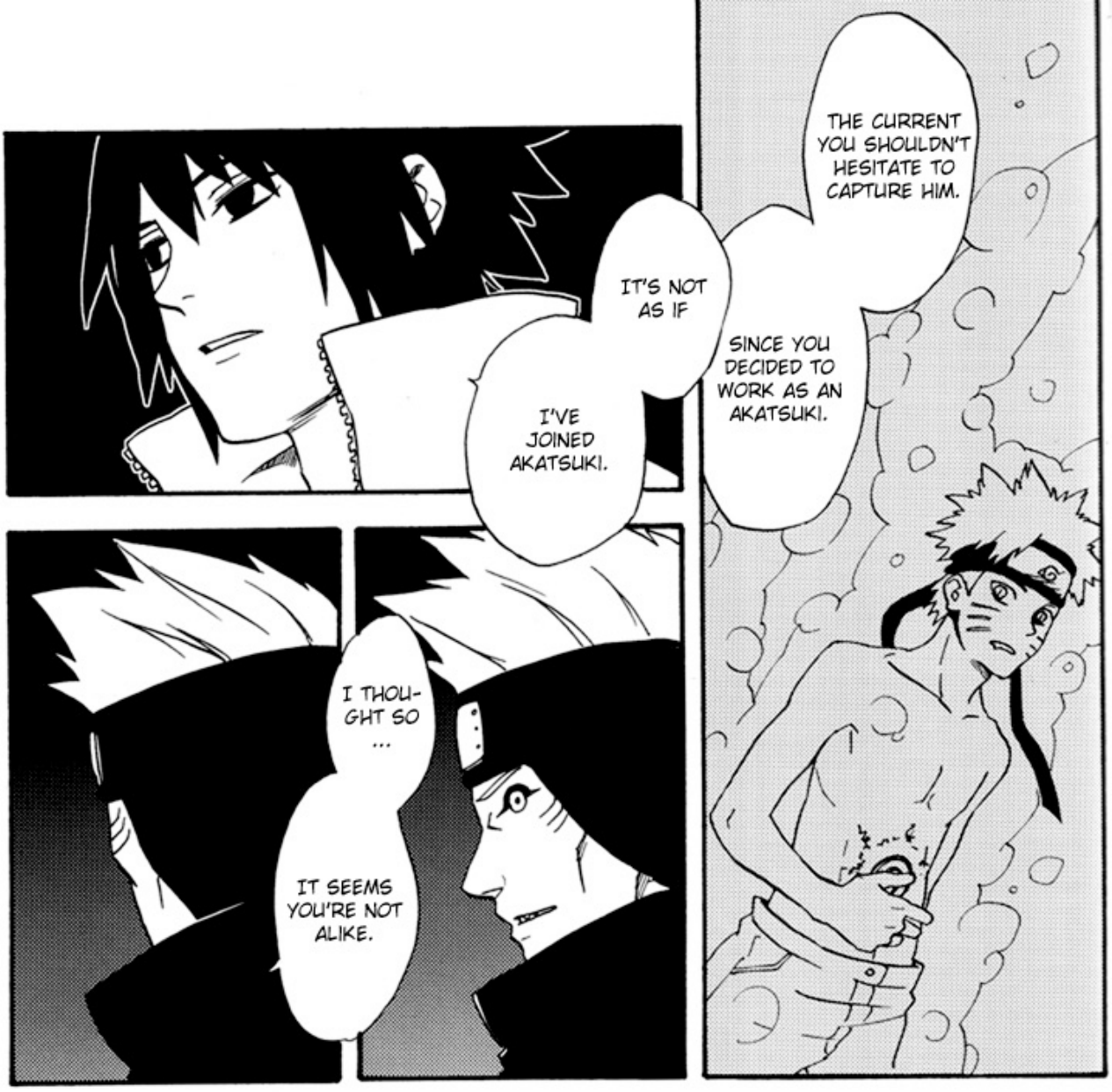
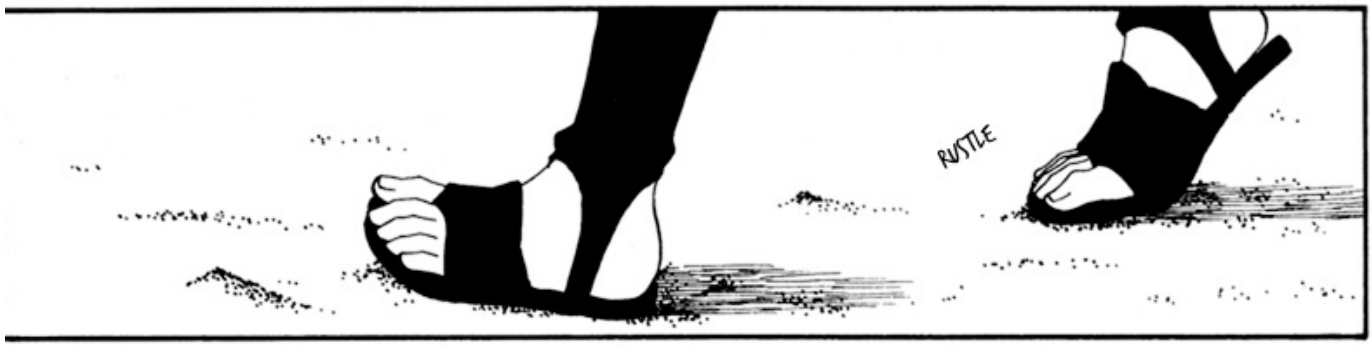
THE NINE-TAILED KID...
IS YOUR FRIEND, RIGHT?
CAPTURING HIM WOULD BE TROUBLE IF YOU HESITATE.
THAT'S WHY THEY THINK IT'S BEST YOU DON'T GO ALONG FOR THAT.


THE CURRENT YOU SHOULDN'T HESITATE TO CAPTURE HIM.
SINCE YOU DECIDED TO WORK AS AN AKATSUKI.
IT'S NOT AS IF
I'VE JOINED AKATSUKI.
I THOU-GHT SO ...
IT SEEMS YOU'RE NOT ALIKE.

I DON'T KNOW YOUR REASONS FOR ENTERING THE AKATSUKI.
I THINK HE'D BE PROUD THAT YOU'VE ACHIEVED THE RANK OF AN AKATSUKI MEMBER, IF ONLY FOR A SHORT TIME.
...YOUR BROTHER, THAT IS.


RUSTLE

You're different from Itachi.
You're different from Itachi.

WHOOSH
I'm completely different from Itachi.
RUSTLE
Hey...
I told you it wasn't a decent thing, didn't I?
Being a ninja.
WHOOSH

It's okay.
It's okay if you don't end up becoming a ninja.
You never know what may happen.
I will! I'll become one!
And then, together with you...
You and I are different.
We can't walk together.

Why?
Why?!
Why can't we go together?

Brother,
I'm coming, too.
Take me with you, brother.
Brother ...
Sasuke...
Live freely.

IT'S TOO LATE.
HOW COULD I BE FREE NOW?

I COULDN'T GO WITH YOU.
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?

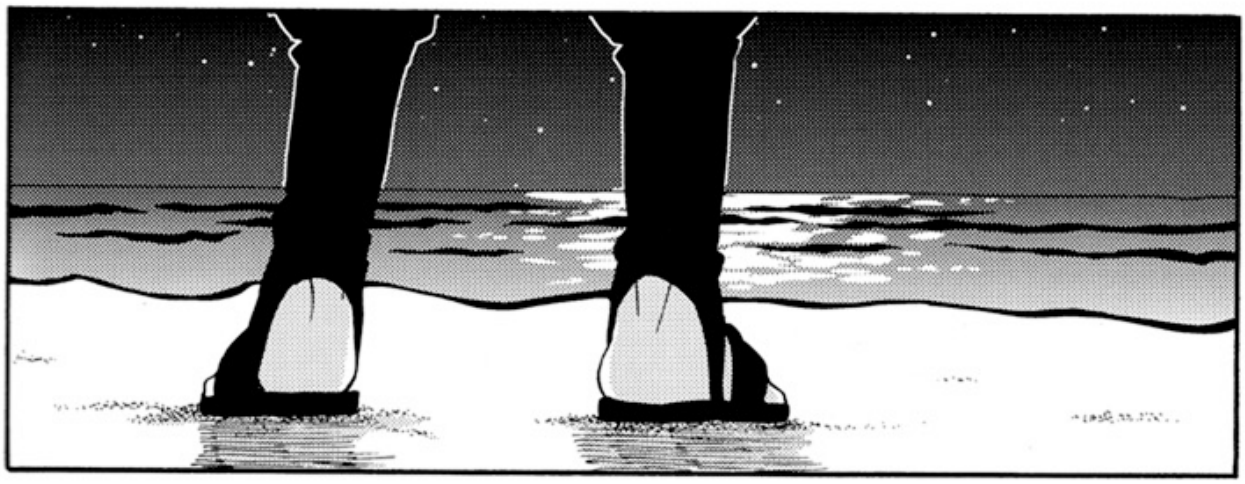
YOU SHOULD HAVE KILLED ME.
THAT NIGHT.

IT'S NOT TOO LATE.
WHOOSH
YOU ARE FREE.

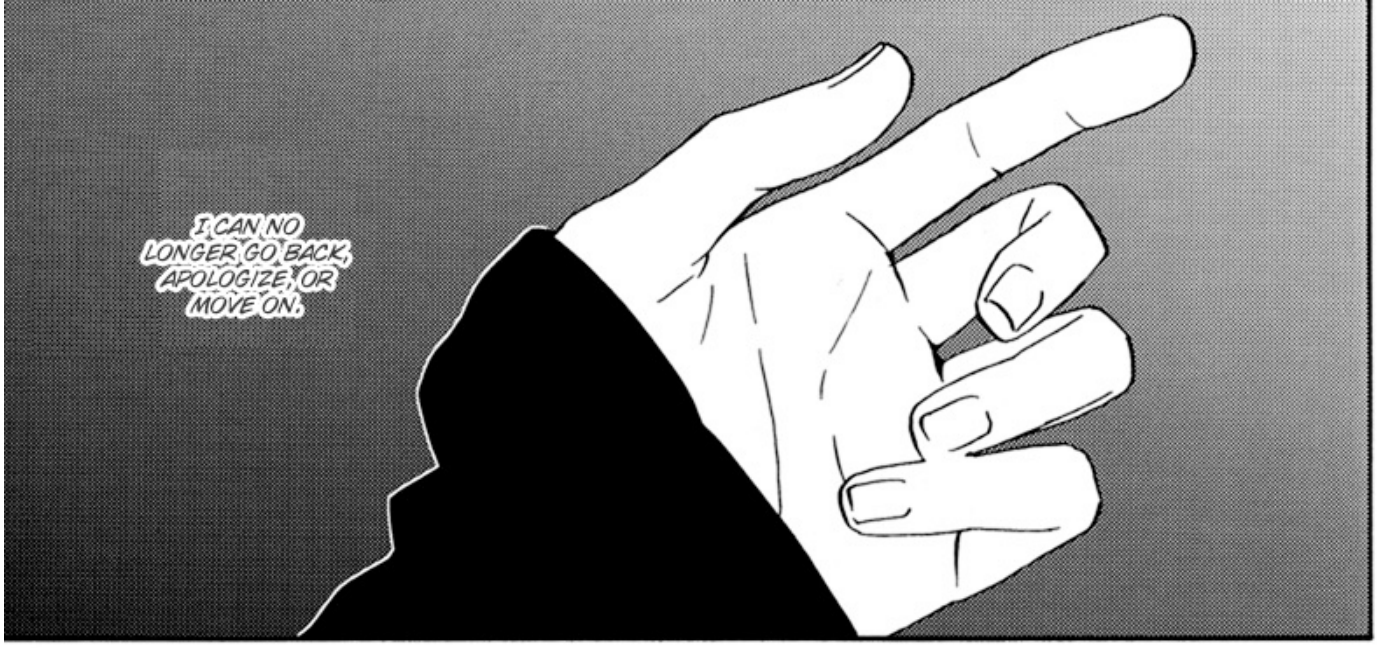
YOUR LIGHT HASN'T VANISHED YET.

YOU WERE ALIVE.
LIVING
ISN'T ANYONE'S FAULT, SASUKE.
IT ISN'T "I WAS ALIVE".
IT'S "YOU LIVED".

WHOOSH

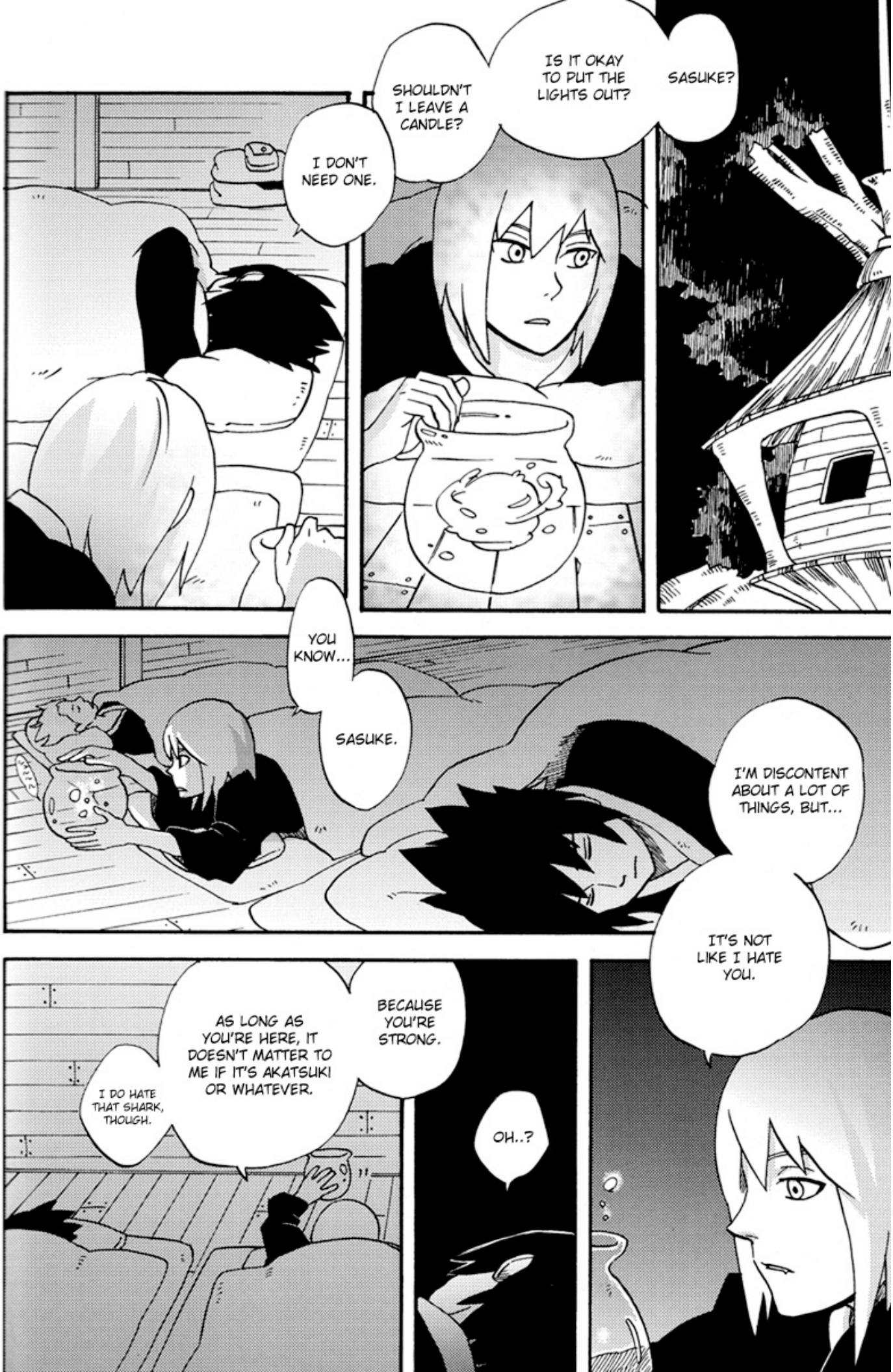


YOU ALWAYS SAID WHATEVER YOU LIKED.
IN THE END, WASN'T IT JUST YOUR OWN EGO TALKING?


I CAN NO LONGER GO BACK, APOLOGIZE, OR MOVE ON.

DESPITE THAT, THE LIGHT HASN'T VANISHED.

I...


SASUKE?
IS IT OKAY TO PUT THE LIGHTS OUT?
SHOULDN'T I LEAVE A CANDLE?
I DON'T NEED ONE.
YOU KNOW...
SASUKE.
I'M DISCONTENT ABOUT A LOT OF THINGS, BUT...
IT'S NOT LIKE I HATE YOU.
OH..?
BECAUSE YOU'RE STRONG.
AS LONG AS YOU'RE HERE, IT DOESN'T MATTER TO ME IF IT'S AKATSUKI OR WHATEVER.
I DO HATE THAT SHARK, THOUGH.

WHAT DO YOU WANT TO SAY..?
SAY IT CLEARLY.
I SAW A BIT OF YOUR FUTURE.
SORRY.
SOME OF IT WAS VISIBLE IN THE WATER MIRROR EARLIER.
...IT'S FINE IF YOU WANT TO LAUGH.

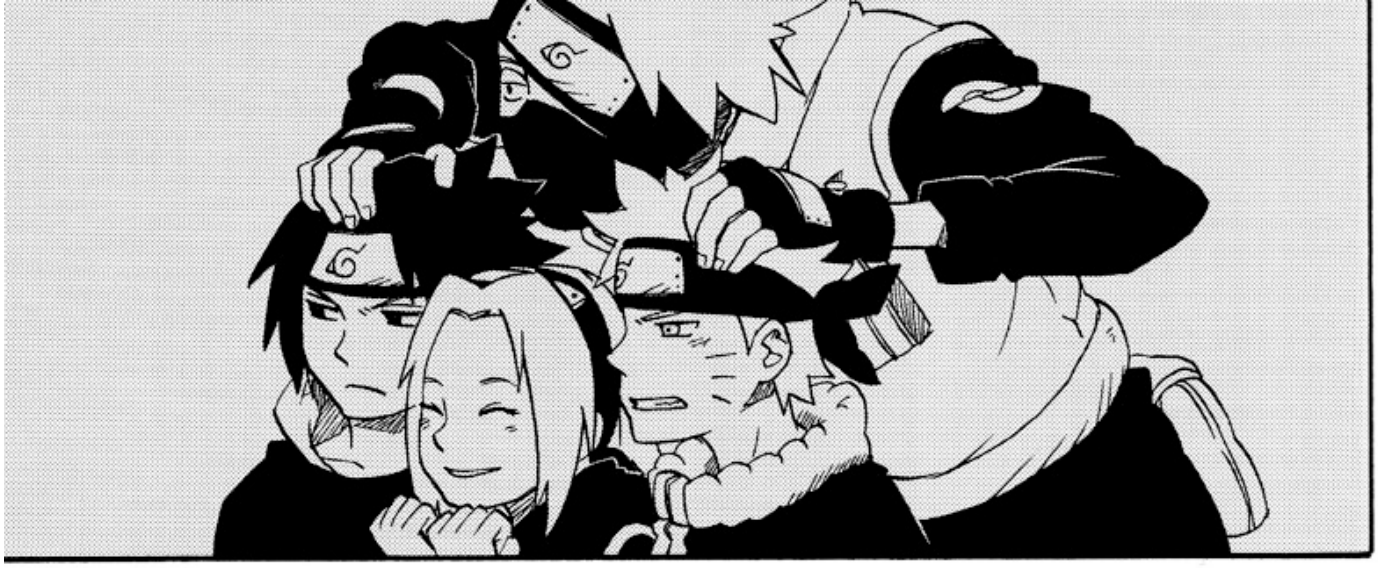
I NO LONGER HAVE ANY REGRET, OR GRUDGE, OR ANYTHING AGAINST HIM.

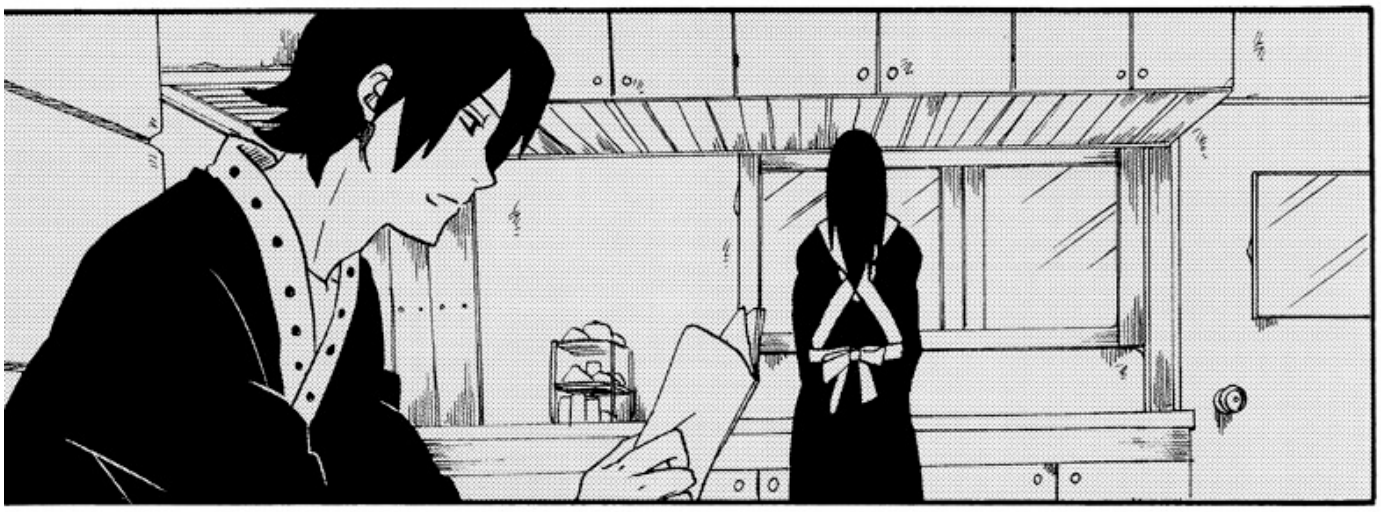
I'M JUST THINKING OF HOW ITACHI WOULD VIEW THIS WAY OF LIVING.

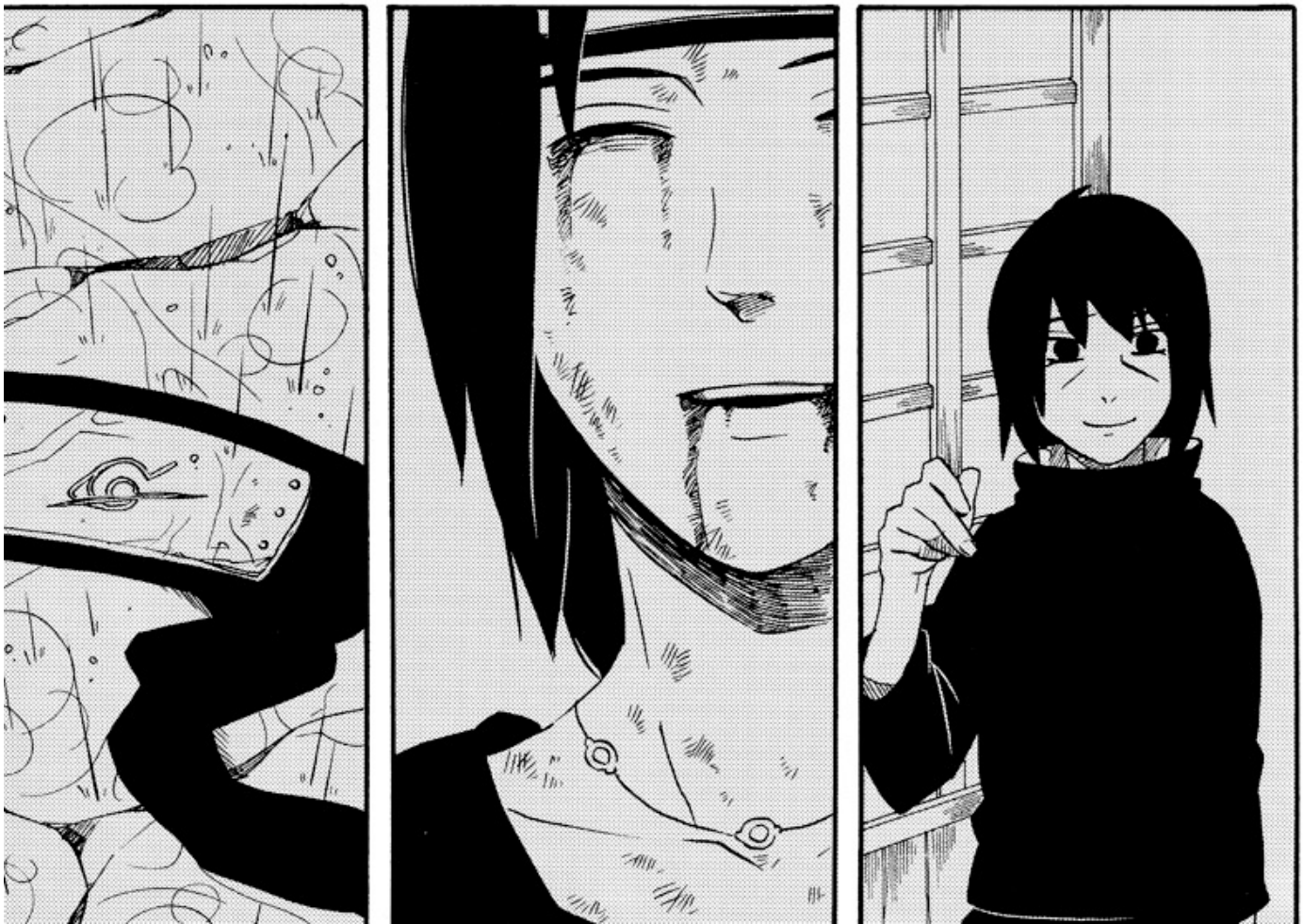
BECAUSE EVEN IF I WANTED TO, I COULDN'T DO AS YOU TOLD ME TO.

IT'S OKAY TO LAUGH. I DON'T MIND.
NOW.
YOU'RE GOING, RIGHT?
AFTER ALL THIS TIME..?

SEE..? IT'S ALREADY TOO LATE.
I TOLD YOU... YOU'RE LATE.
ITACHI IS DEAD!
HE DIED, SACRIFICING HIMSELF FOR THAT STUPID VILLAGE!
YOU...
I HAVE NO WHERE TO GO HOME TO!
IT'S TOO LATE.
WHERE ARE YOU TELLING ME TO GO NOW?!

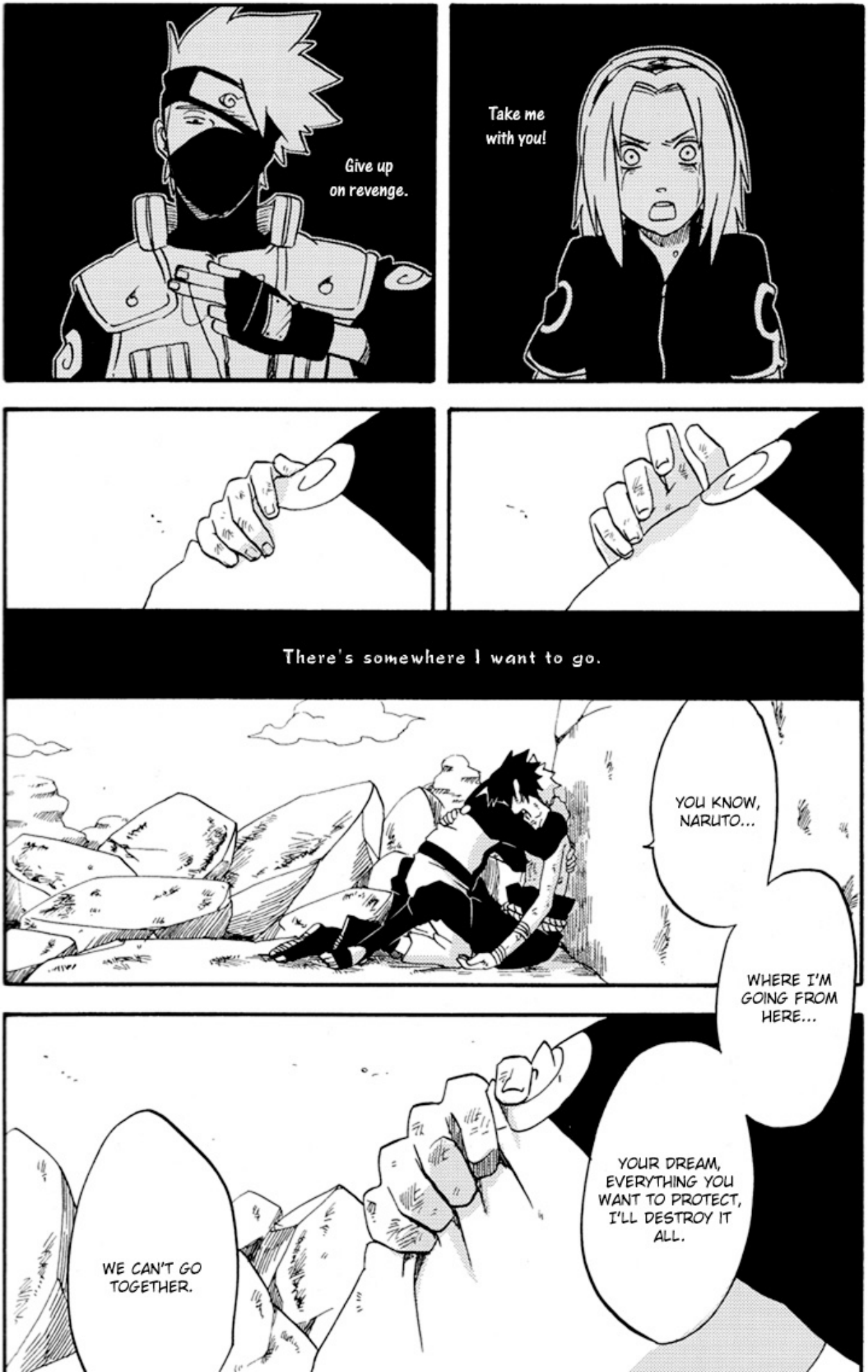




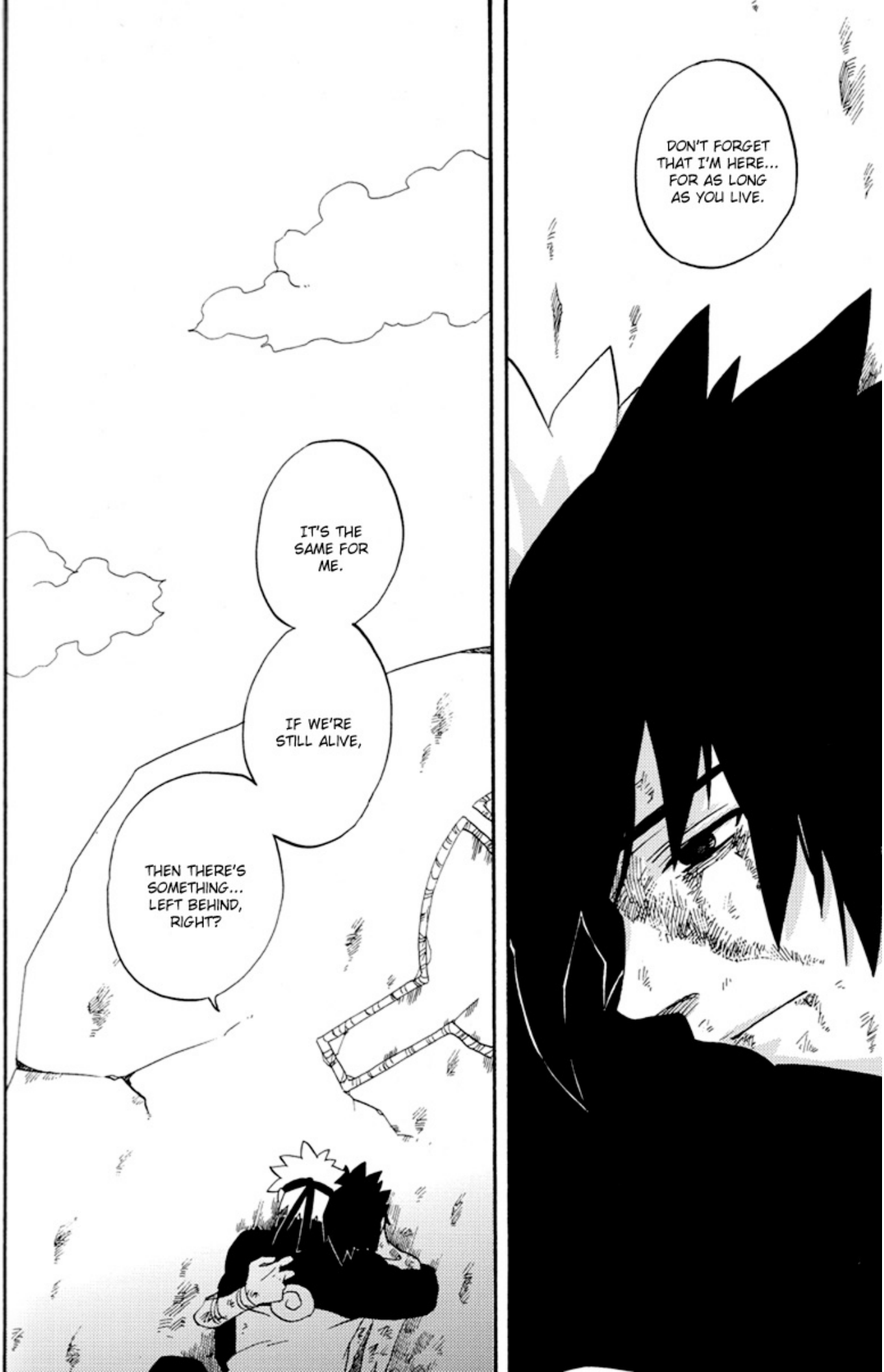


THAT'S WHY...
I'M NOT TELLING YOU TO COME BACK.
YOU'RE MOVING ONWARD FROM HERE.
.....
haa

I'LL GO THERE WITH YOU.
I'LL LEND YOU MY STRENGTH.
THIS TIME...
WE'LL GO TOGETHER.


Give up on revenge.
Take me with you!
There's somewhere I want to go.
YOU KNOW, NARUTO...
WHERE I'M GOING FROM HERE...
YOUR DREAM, EVERYTHING YOU WANT TO PROTECT, I'LL DESTROY IT ALL.
WE CAN'T GO TOGETHER.

It's a place I can't go to without destroying everything.

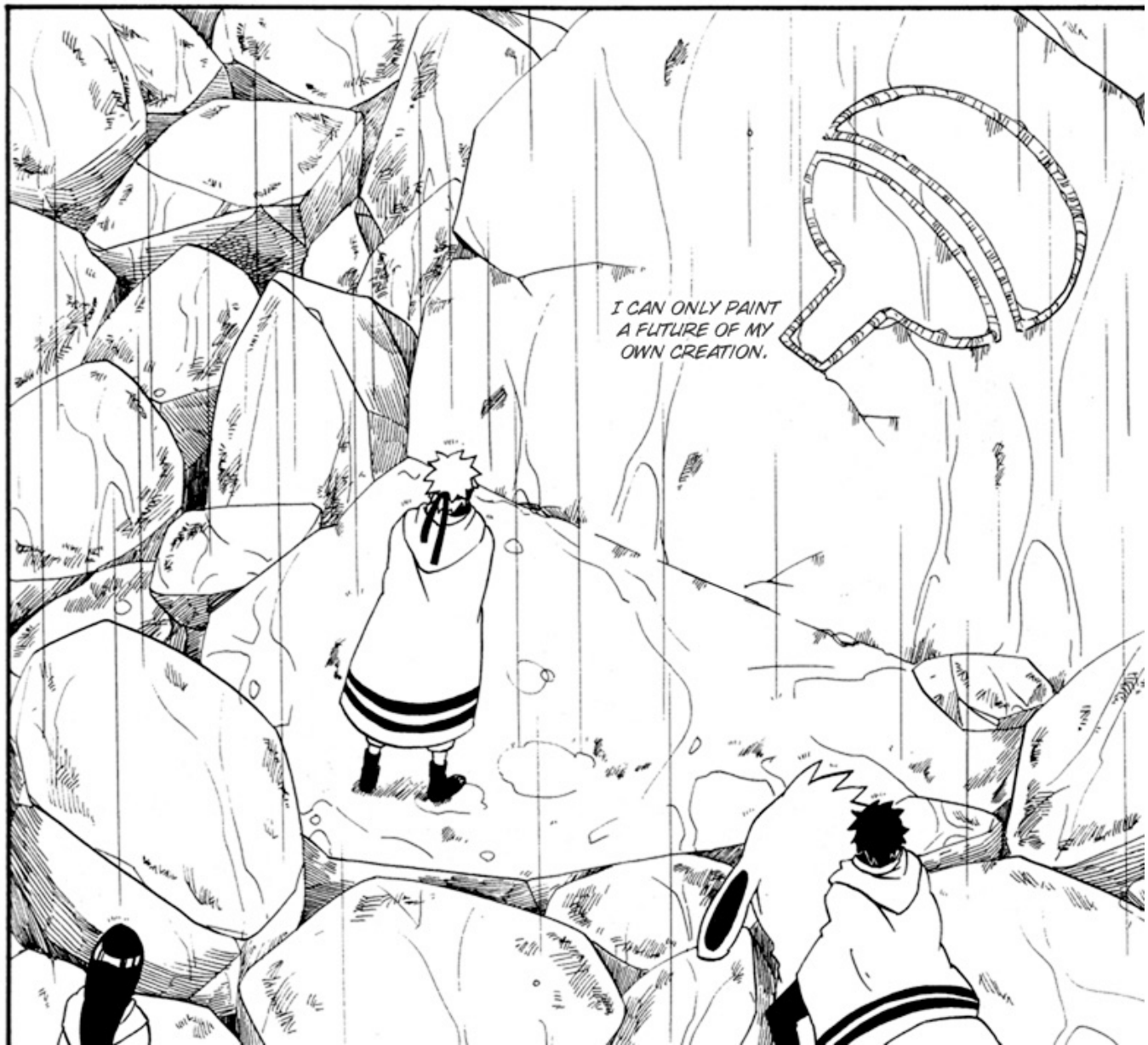

DON'T FORGET THAT I'M HERE... FOR AS LONG AS YOU LIVE.
IT'S THE SAME FOR ME.
IF WE'RE STILL ALIVE,
THEN THERE'S SOMETHING... LEFT BEHIND, RIGHT?

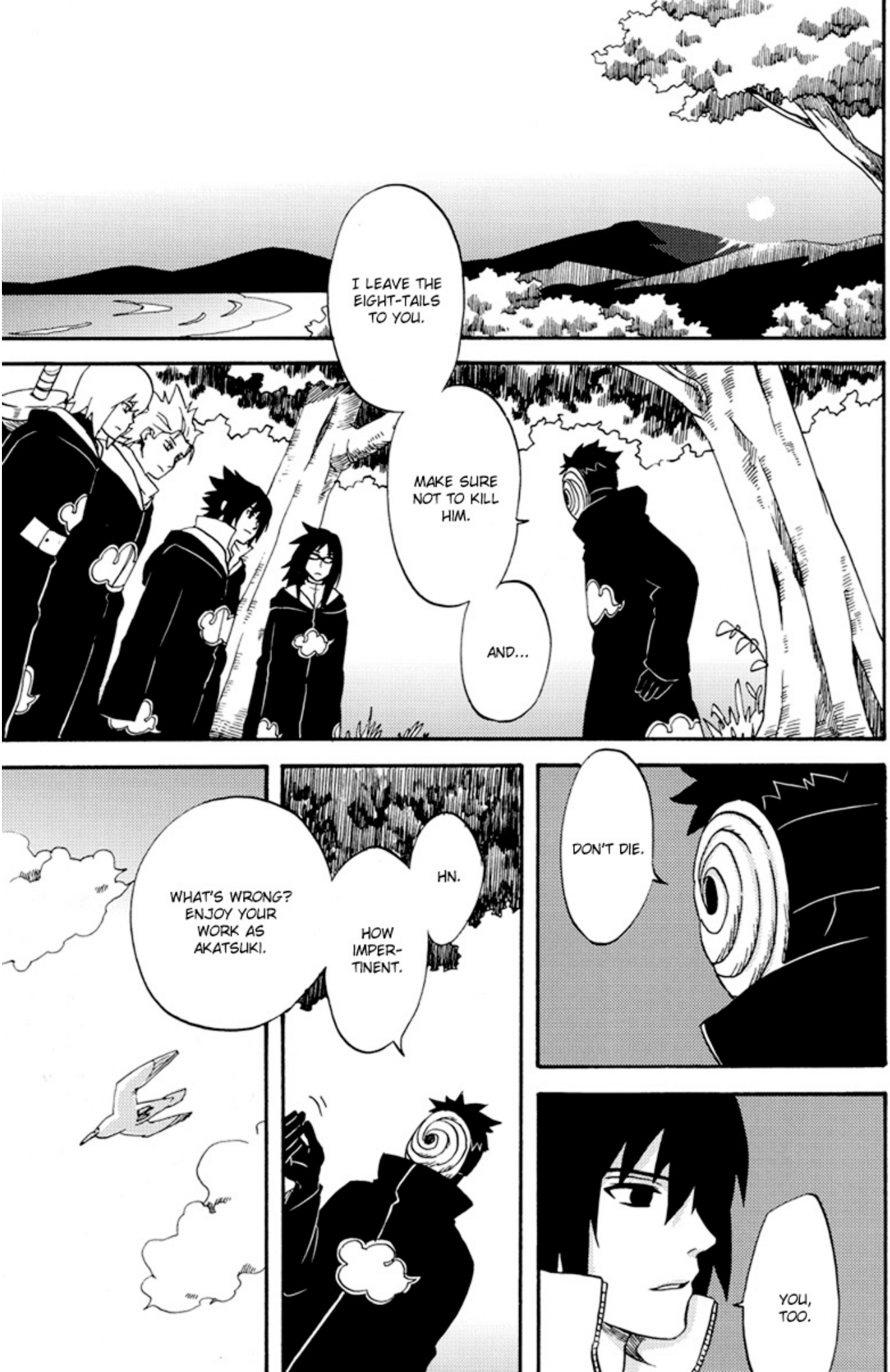
THIS TIME, I'LL SAY GOODBYE TO MY REGRET.

THERE'S NOTHING LEFT TO ABANDON.

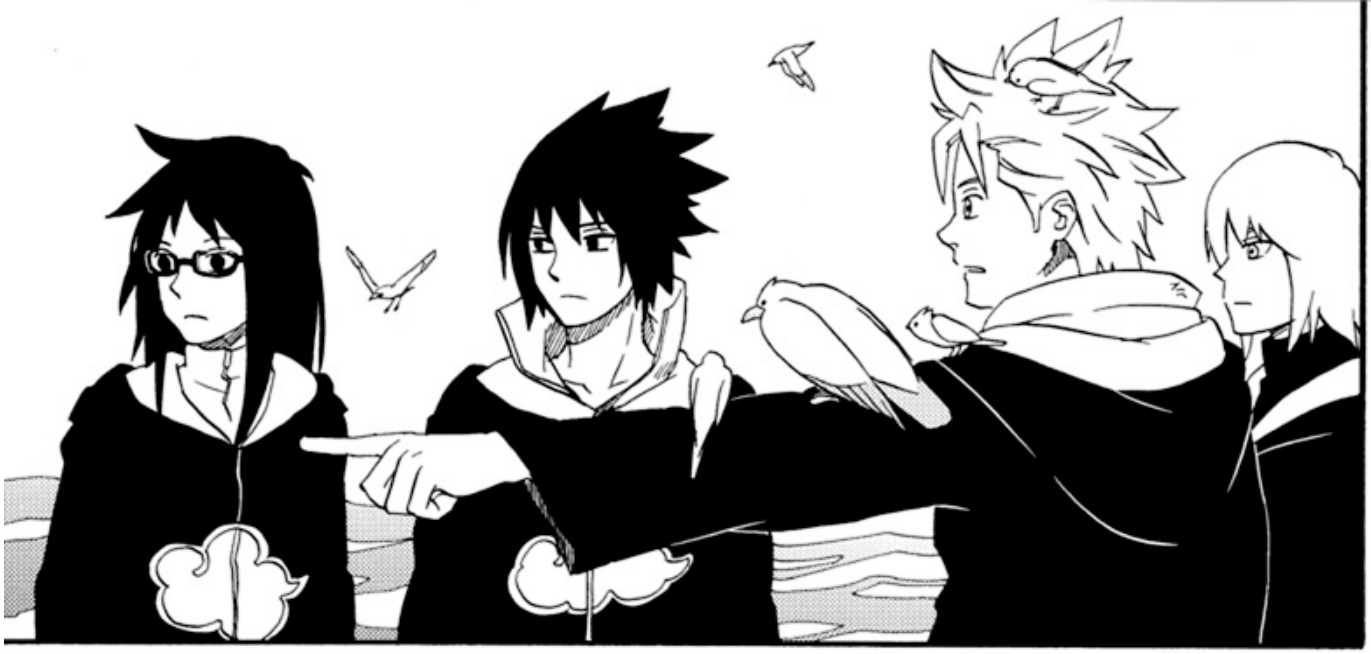
DESPITE THAT, MY LIGHT HASN'T VANISHED.

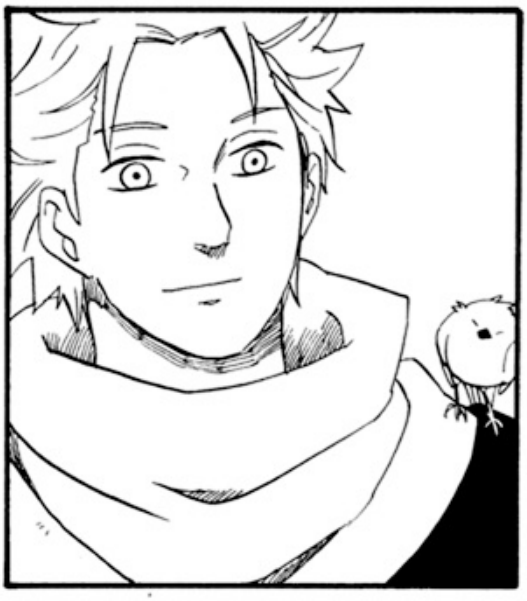
BUT I CAN'T LIVE ITACHI'S WAY, OR NARUTO'S WAY.


I CAN ONLY PAINT A FUTURE OF MY OWN CREATION.

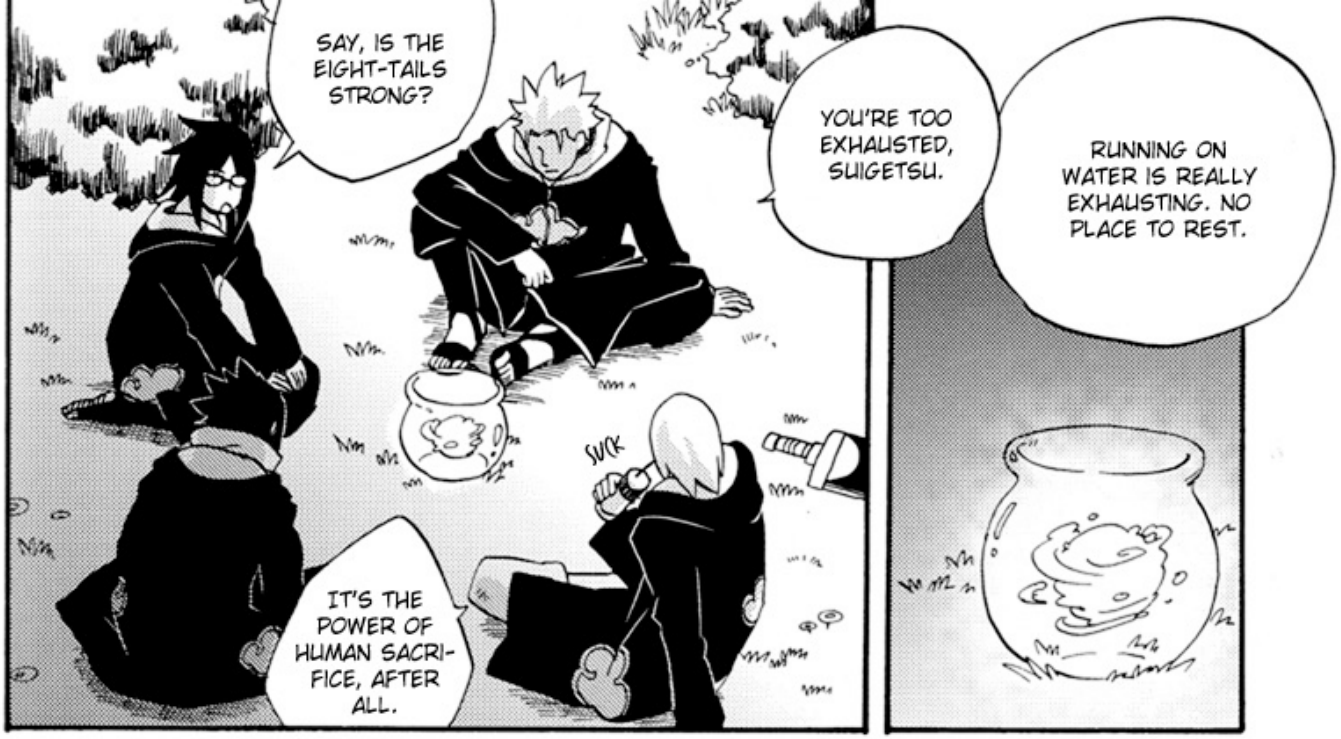

I LEAVE THE EIGHT-TAILS TO YOU.
MAKE SURE NOT TO KILL HIM.
AND...
DON'T DIE.
HN.
HOW IMPER-TINENT.
WHAT'S WRONG? ENJOY YOUR WORK AS AKATSUKI.
YOU, TOO.

WILL IT BE ALL RIGHT?
WITH THOSE GUYS?
EMERGE
THE EIGHT-TAILS IS NOT A PROBLEM.
I JUST GAVE THEM A BRIEF WARNING.
THAT'S THE WAY OF THE AKATSUKI.



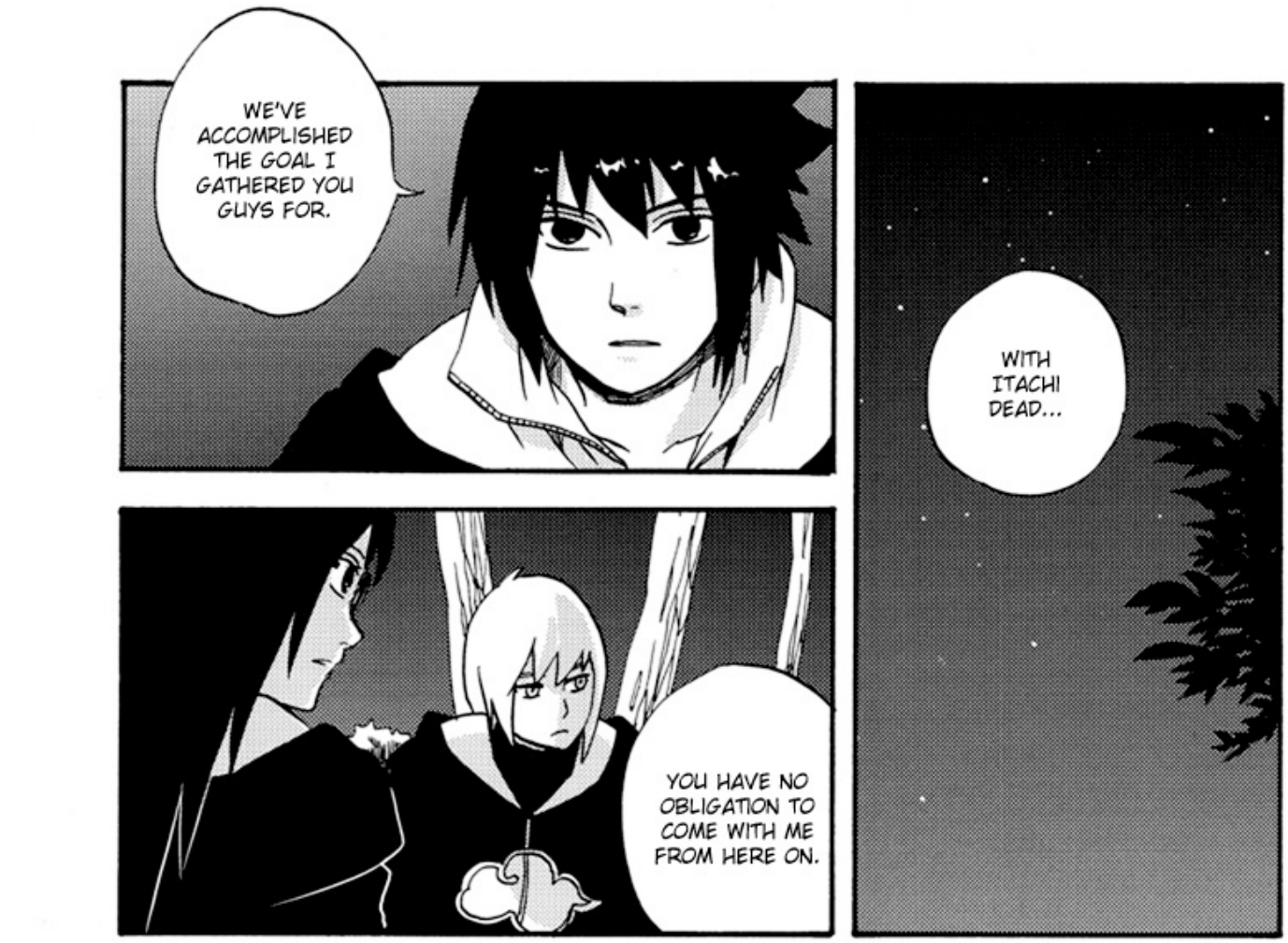


IT'S ONE AFTER ANOTHER FROM HERE ON.
LET'S REST HERE FOR TODAY.


SAY, IS THE EIGHT-TAILS STRONG?
YOU'RE TOO EXHAUSTED, SUIGETSU.
RUNNING ON WATER IS REALLY EXHAUSTING. NO PLACE TO REST.
SUCK
IT'S THE POWER OF HUMAN SACRI-FICE, AFTER ALL.

JUST KILLING HIM WOULD BE EASY, BUT...
YOU GUYS.
WHY ARE YOU WITH ME?

THAT WAS SUDDEN, SASUKE...
WAIT!
YOU'RE ASKING THAT NOW?!
WE EVEN DECIDED TO CALL THE GROUP "HAWK"!
Huh..?


WE'VE ACCOMPLISHED THE GOAL I GATHERED YOU GUYS FOR.
WITH ITACHI DEAD...
YOU HAVE NO OBLIGATION TO COME WITH ME FROM HERE ON.

WHA...
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING, AFTER ALL THIS TIME?!
SO WHY?
WHY ARE YOU STILL COMING?
WE'RE HERE!
YOU KILLED OROCHIMARU.
THERE'S NO PLACE FOR US TO GO BACK TO, SO IT CAN'T BE HELPED..!

WE SAW YOUR TRUE MOTIVES YESTERDAY.
NO, NO, KARIN.
IT WAS A GRAND REVE-LATION, RIGHT?
SUIGETSU!
YOU! WE'RE TALKING ABOUT TODAY, NOT-
THEN I'LL TURN IT BACK ON YOU, SASUKE.
WAH! HOLD IT, KARIN!
SPLASH
UWA!
IT'S BECAUSE YOU STILL NEED US, RIGHT?
WHY ARE YOU STILL TAKING US WITH YOU?
WAH!
SPLASH

IF YOU DIDN'T NEED US, YOU'D JUST DISBAND THE GROUP.
BUT YOU HAVEN'T DONE THAT, SASUKE.
You bastard-

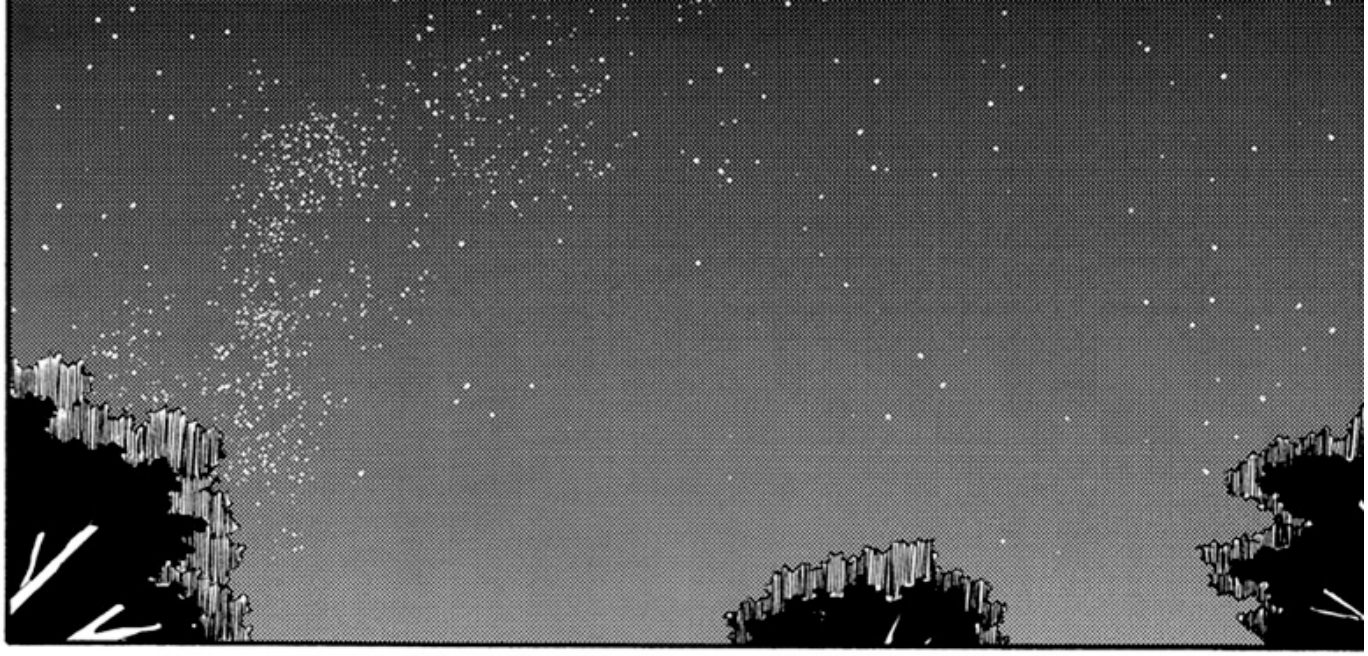
IF WE DIDN'T WANT TO GO ALONG, WE'D JUST LEAVE.
Hey, Suigetsu! You turn to water way too easily!
BUT NO ONE HAS DONE THAT.
WHICH MEANS...

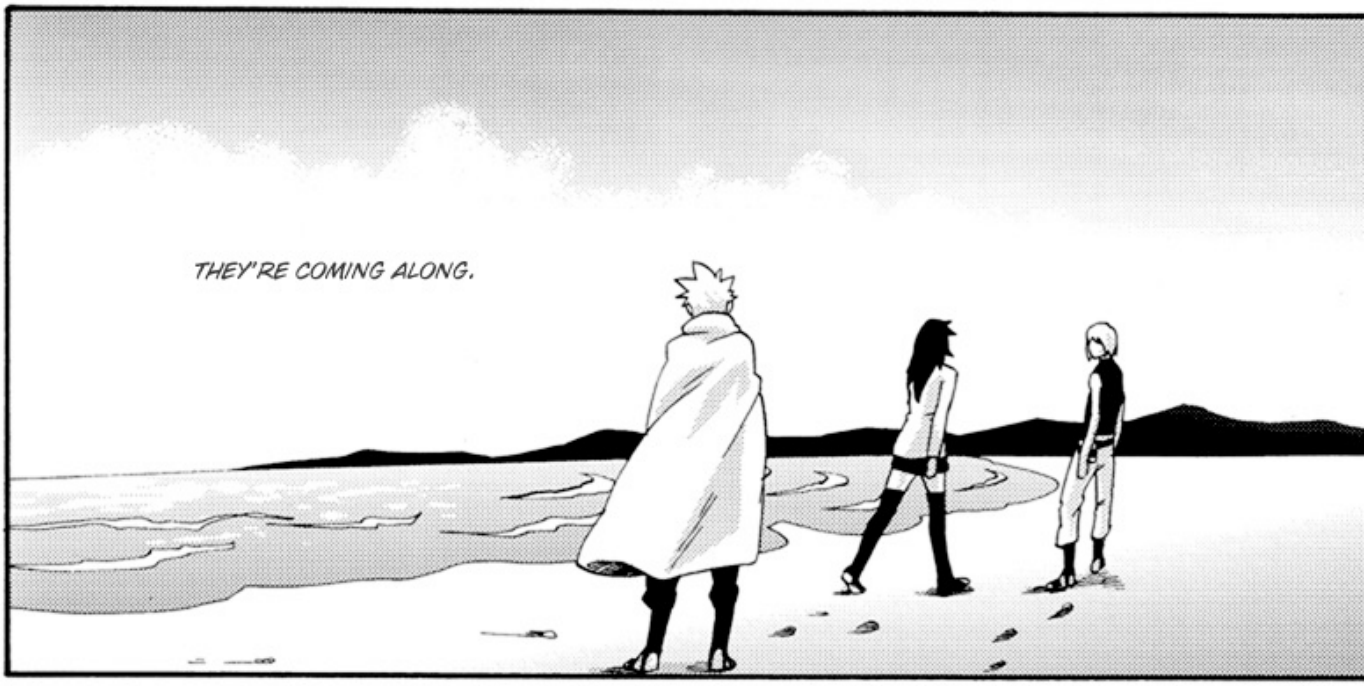
EVERYONE HAS THEIR OWN REASON FOR WANTING TO HELP YOU.

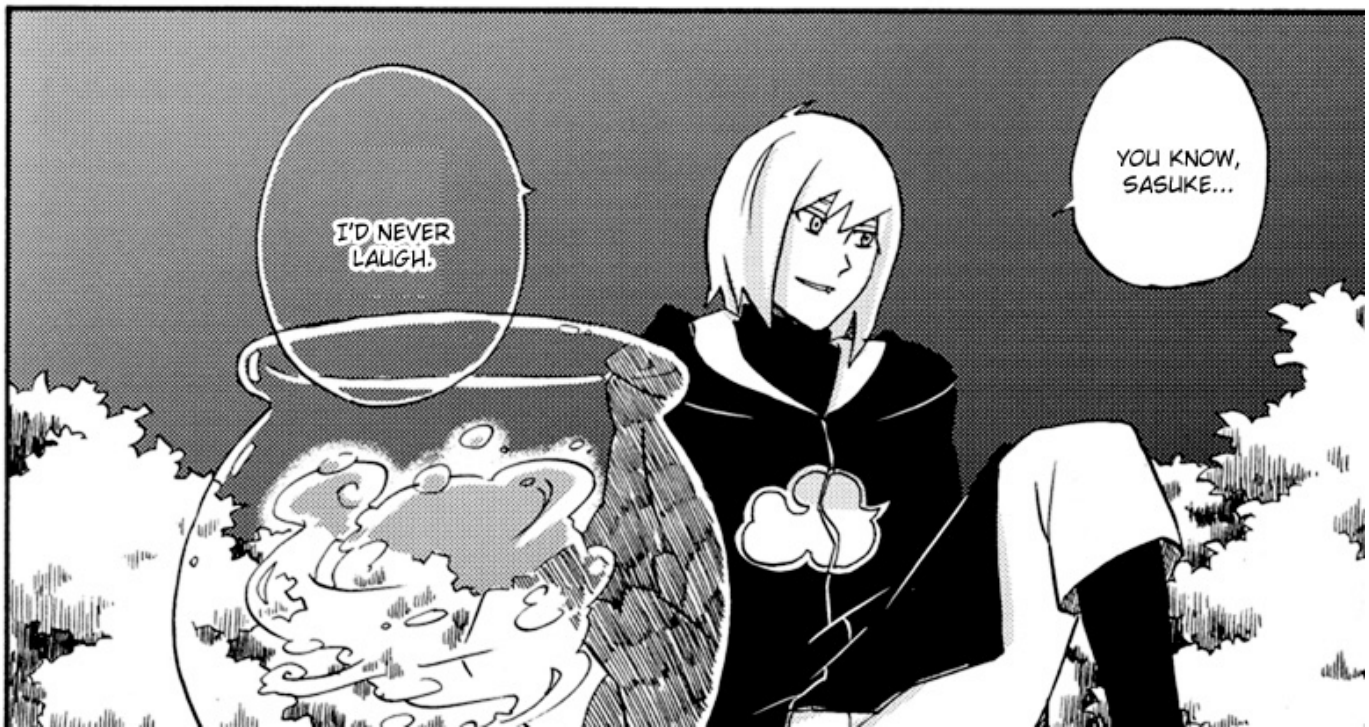
Let's go together, sharing strength.

THE GUIDING LIGHT THAT I'M IN NEED OF...
ALL OF YOU...
IF YOU COME ALONG ...

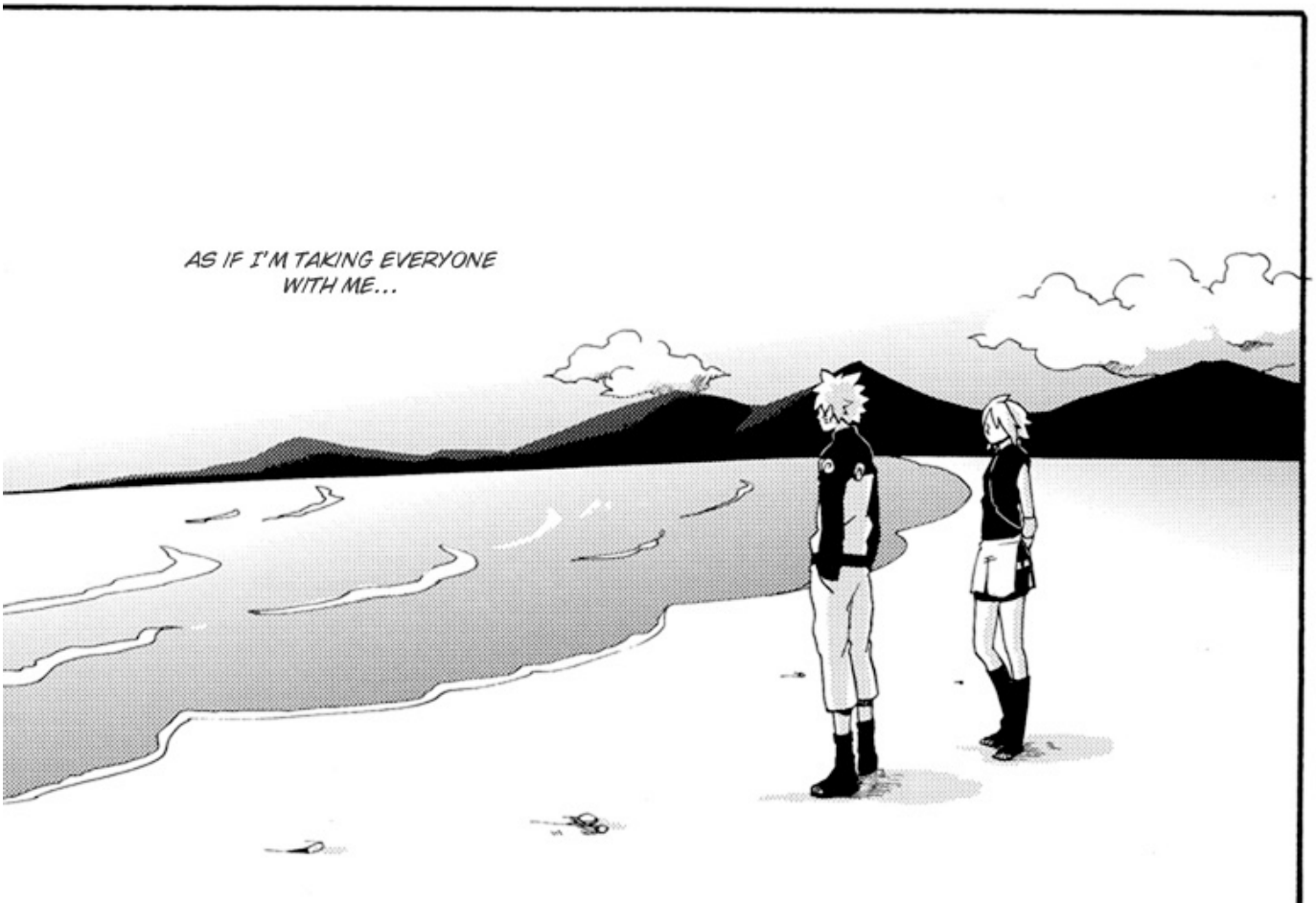
GRAB
LIKE...
LIKE I SAID!
WE'RE COMING ALONG, THAT'S JUST HOW IT IS!
YOU'RE SO FIRED UP, KARIN.
IF YOU CAN'T UNDERSTAND WHY AFTER ALL THIS TIME, THEN ...
CALM DOWN, KARIN.
I'M GOING TO ENJOY WHAT COMES AFTER THIS.
SASUKE WILL TAKE US ALONG WHEREVER HE GOES, RIGHT?
THEN I'M DEFINITELY GOING.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN "'WHEREVER"? WE'RE GOING AFTER THE EIGHT-TAILS, RIGHT?
IF YOU'RE ONLY GOING AS FAR AS THE EIGHT-TAILS, THAT'S FINE, KARIN.



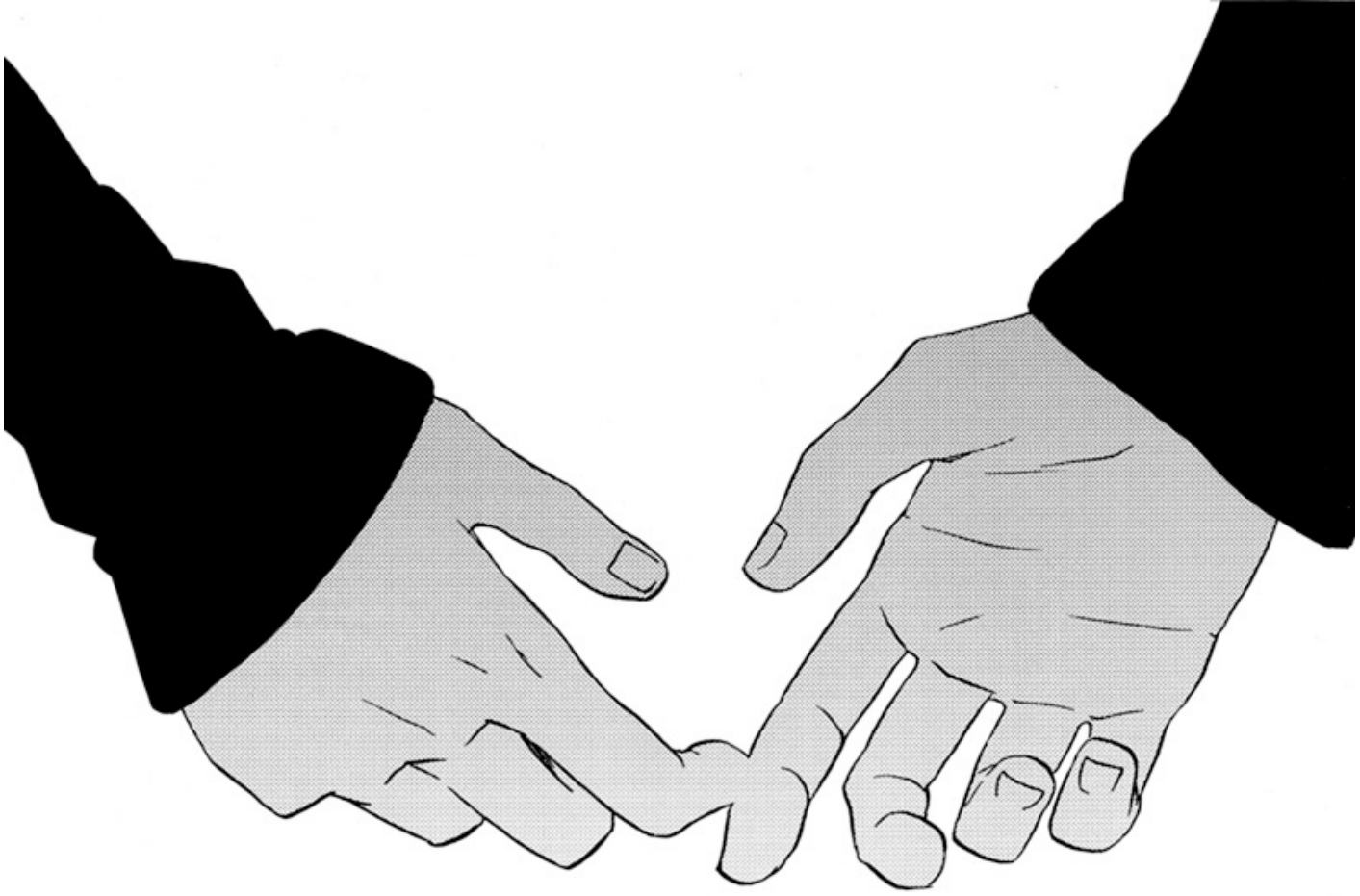

THEY'RE COMING ALONG.


I'D NEVER LAUGH.
YOU KNOW, SASUKE...

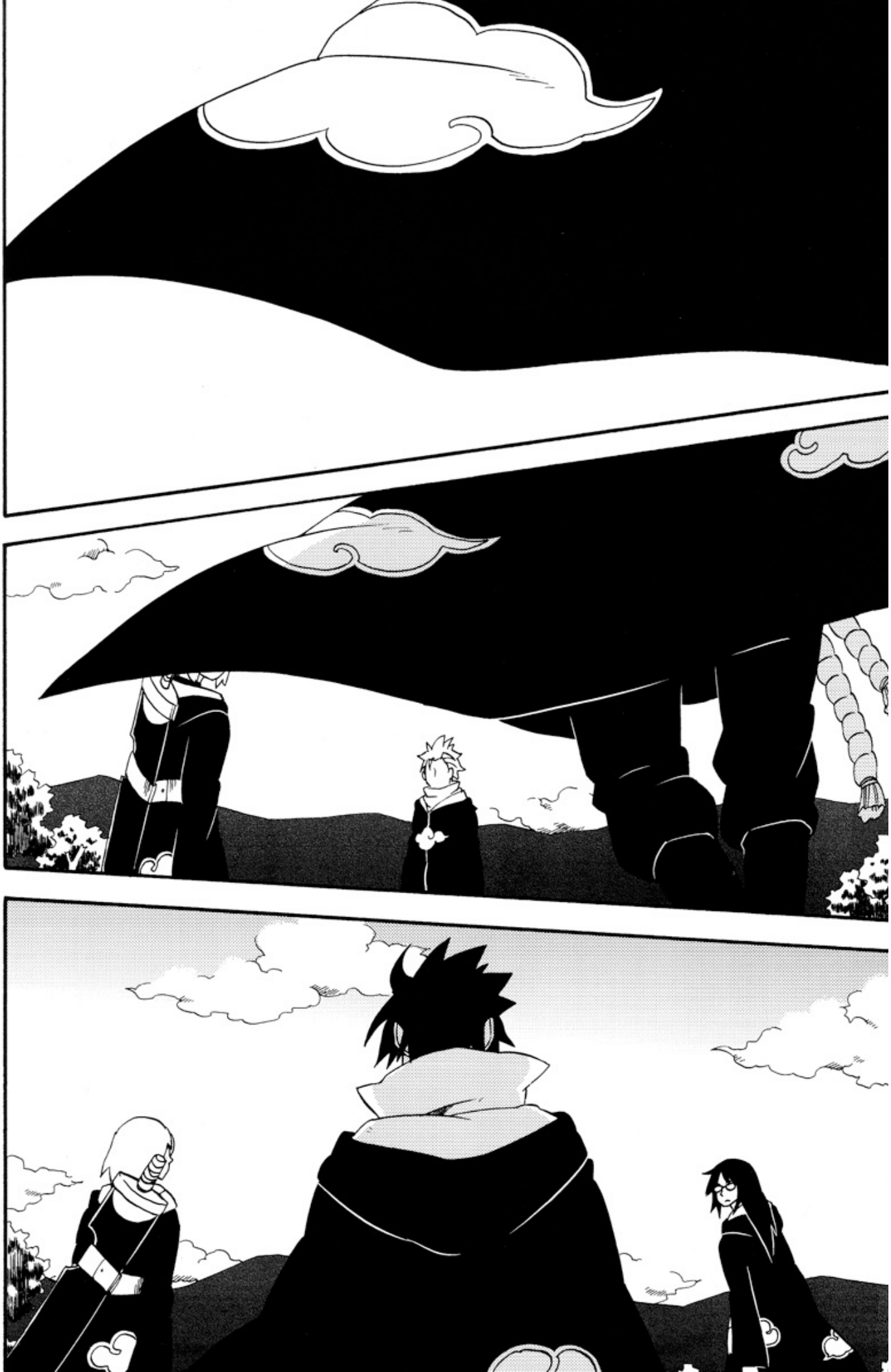
AT YOUR DREAM.


AS IF I'M TAKING EVERYONE WITH ME...

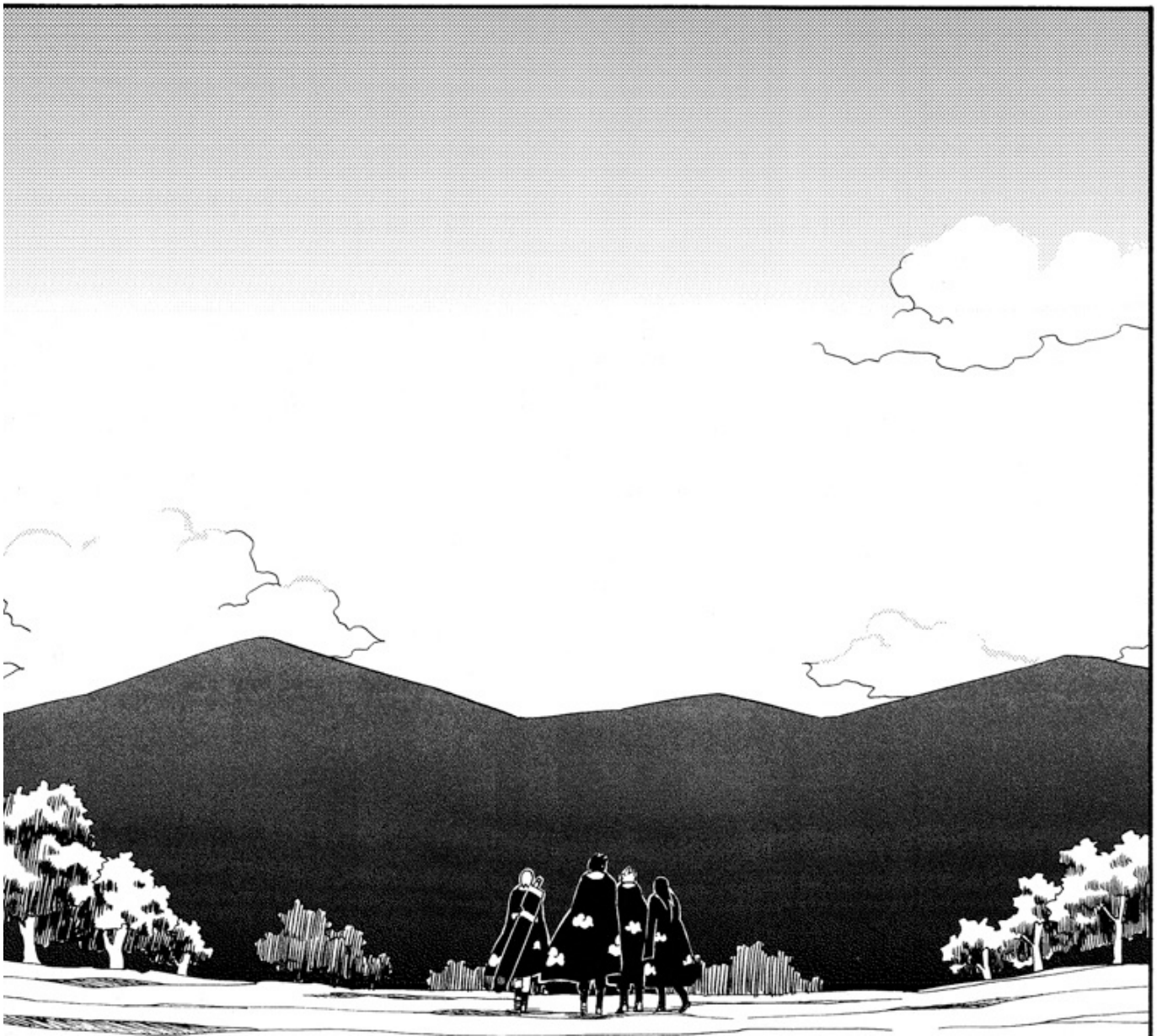
IT'S NOT TOO LATE.



TO A FUTURE WHERE NO
ONE WILL EVER AGAIN BECOME
A PITIABLE SACRIFICE.



LET'S GO.



はじめまして、またはこんにちは、emiと申します。
もうごめんなさいとしか言い様のないサスケの想いねつ造大ポエム大会
となってしまいましたが、読んでくださってありがとうございました…！

これを書いている今、原作ではイタチの真実（?）を知ったサスケが
いろんな決断をして八尾拘束の最中なんですが、なんだかイマイチ
彼の本音がわからないよ…と悶々していた私のいわば自己満足本です。
つまり、最大の目的を超えたサスケが今後でっかい夢を抱いても
いいじゃないかと、でも彼は兄の事を精算できたわけじゃないだろうからならば
その兄の想いも一緒に連れて、なおかつ今度こそ自分も先へ進むような未来に
自らの力で行って欲しいなと、つまり原作を見る限り「戻りたい」とは
思ってなさそうなサスケに、ならばもういっそ過去を全部捨てて新しい故郷へ皆を連れて
行って欲しいというわたしの夢でした。そのためには痛みを伴う政治改革ってヤツ
なんだろうと信じてみたいと…サスケに本気すぎでまっこと申し訳ないです。
でもって何を描きたくてもそれを表現できるだけの技量がありませんでした。すいません…

ちなみに、去年の冬に出した「たとえば、君が」というナルトサイドの本と
時系列は違うのですが対になる感じ…になってます。なんとなく。
この本を描いている間、仕事でデフォルメキャラばかり描いていたため
なかなか絵が戻らずに表紙のサスケがなんか幼い感じで…

なんにしても私はどうしても鹿の皆様が好きすぎると思います。
描いてて改めて思ったのですが重吾って、部屋では常に半裸なんだろうか。
サスケ、どうか彼にカーテン以外の服を与えてやってください…！

それではまた、どこかで！

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